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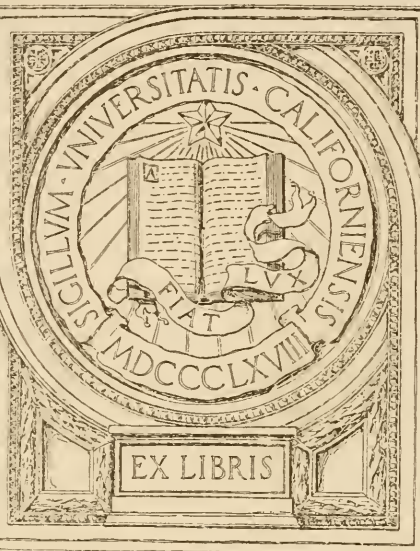

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PREFACE

The charters which follow are printed in full, with the precise spelling and punctuation of the manuscript, but without any attempt to reproduce its employment of capital letters. Forms of words which certainly or probably are mistakes of the exchequer transcriber are indicated by the addition of [*sic*] to such words. Contractions are extended. Where the proper extension is uncertain, it is printed in italic except in the few cases where no plausible extension presents itself, when a mark of compendium is added to the word. The translation is intended to be a literal representation of the Latin. It is sometimes difficult to find appropriate equivalents for the tautological phrases of late thirteenth century charters, but it is hoped that a rendering of the Latin word for word may be useful to those who wish to become acquainted with the formulas of medieval documents. The charters are numbered in the transcript from which they are here printed, and these numbers are followed in this text.

My especial thanks are due to two people who have helped me to prepare this volume. My wife has advised me throughout the writing of the Introduction, much of the translation in the text is her work, and the book could not have assumed its present form without her assistance. Canon Foster has prepared the Index, which means that his unique knowledge of medieval Lincolnshire topography is at the service of those who use this volume. For myself, I would express the hope that this book of charters may be only the first of a series. No county has a more interesting social history than Lincolnshire, and in regard to no county is social history illustrated by a greater number of early, and as yet unpublished, documents.

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ERRATA

p. xii, last l.—*for* Gilbert son of Robert *read* Robert son of Gilbert.
p. xv, l. 15—*for* Prestwald *read* Prestwold.
p. 28, no. [50], l. 31, Engl.—*for* aganst *read* against.
p. 29, no. [52], l. 3, Engl.—*for* arms *read* alms.
l. 27, Engl.—*for* Authorpe *read* Ackthorpe.
p. 30, no. [54], l. 8, Engl.—*for* grandson *read* nephew.
p. 31, no. [55], l. 4, Engl.—*for* arms *read* alms.
p. 34, no. [62], l. 18, Engl.—*for* mannerr *read* manner.
p. 42, no. [7], l. 3, Lat.—*for* Glleberti *read* Gilleberti.
p. 47, no. [18], l. 12, Engl.—*for* sellions *read* selions.
p. 83, no. [15], note 2—*for* depopulated *read* nearly depopulated .
p. 98, no. [19], l. 2, Engl.—*for* Phillip *read* Philip.
p. 100, no. [25], l. 12, Engl.—*for* witnesse *read* witness.
p. 107, no. [11], l. 4, Engl.—*after* soul *insert* and that of Ela my countess.
p. 116—*s.v.* Alfred *add* See Glentham.
p. 118—*add* Azo. See Grainthorpe.
p. 123—*add* Conan s. of John s. of Mengi, 55.
p. 124—*s.v.* Crosholm *for* 8 *read* 101.
add Crostese, Wm. de, witn., 8.
p. 127—*add* Garsa dau. of John s. of Mengi, 55.

Introduction

I

Increasing expenses and a falling revenue compelled Henry IV, eight times in his short reign, to obtain extraordinary grants of money from Parliament and Convocation. The charters of which copies are printed in this book were shown to the barons of the Exchequer by the attorney of five Lincolnshire monasteries of the Gilbertine order, the priories of Catley, Ormsby, Alvingham, Sixle, and Bullington, which claimed that their possessions were exempt from such taxation. The Exchequer allowed the claim. The charters which had been submitted as evidence were enrolled upon the Memoranda Roll of the King's Remembrancer with a record of the circumstances which had led to their production.

On 10 May, 1406, the Canterbury Convocation granted to the king a tenth of all ecclesiastical property, with the stipulation that the possessions of poor nuns and of the Hospitallers should be exempt. On the morrow of the Close of Easter, 1407, William Ward, as attorney for the nuns of Catley, appeared at the Exchequer to complain that although the nuns had been certified poor by the bishop of Lincoln, their possessions had nevertheless been taxed. The taxation had proceeded on the ground that in the 'roll of the particulars of the taxation,' that is, in the record now called the *Taxatio Papæ Nicholai*, these possessions were entered under the name of the prior and not under the name of the nuns of Catley. It was therefore for William Ward, the nuns' attorney, to show that these possessions had been expressly granted to the nuns by the charters of their founders and benefactors. With this object he submitted the twenty-nine charters which form the Catley series in the present volume and were transcribed consecutively at this point in the record of the proceedings.

The case for the nuns was then continued by the argument that they and their predecessors had been seised of these possessions from the time of gift. The 'brethren' mentioned in the charters had never formed a *conventus*; they were always removable at the will of the master of Sempringham; and apart from their personal requirements in food and clothing they held nothing of this property except to the use and profit of the nuns. The officials of the Exchequer thereupon examined the roll of the particulars of the taxation and recorded the parts of the roll relating to the priory of Catley. From the Memoranda Roll of Trinity term in the previous year they assured themselves of the exemption of poor nuns, and they referred to the letter of the bishop of Lincoln certifying the

nuns of Catley poor within the meaning of the clause of exemption. It remained to prove that the possessions granted by the charters which had been produced were identical with the possessions assigned to the prior of Catley in the roll of particulars. The bishop of Lincoln was required to give his certificate to this effect, and his letter dated from Liddington, 6 October, 1407, proved the identity. The barons of the Exchequer therefore allowed the nuns' claim to exemption.

At the same time, the nuns of Haverholme were successfully prosecuting a similar claim on identical grounds. The example set by Catley and Haverholme was followed on the next occasion by the nuns of Ormsby, Alvingham, and Sixle. On 14 November, 1407, the Canterbury Convocation granted the king a tenth and a half tenth of all ecclesiastical property. At the following Easter, William Ward appeared at the Exchequer on behalf of these three priories, produced their charters, and secured their exemption. For the next two years the government were able to avoid recourse to fresh taxation. On 17 February, 1410, the Canterbury Convocation voted another tenth and half tenth of ecclesiastical property. A demand for the first instalment of this tax produced another appearance of William Ward at the Exchequer, this time as attorney for the priories of Sempringham and Bullington. The same procedure produced the same result as in former years.

The story of these appeals illustrates the meticulous, deliberate, industry which distinguishes the officials of the fifteenth century Exchequer. This is most clearly shown in their treatment of the charters which were put in as evidence. The Exchequer clerks were not allowed merely to record the passages which were material to the appeals. They transcribed the charters at length, with their full sealing and attestation clauses. They were not, it is true, bound to a literal reproduction of the texts before them. They often represented the names of persons and places in fifteenth century spellings instead of the earlier forms of the original documents. They were sometimes tired and careless. Even an Exchequer clerk was not a copying machine. But their industry, guided by office rules, preserved, upon the whole with singular accuracy, a mass of material which otherwise would have vanished without trace. An Exchequer enrollment is a poor substitute for a series of original charters, but it generally compares very favourably with the copies of documents made within a monastery for its own purposes in its cartulary.

The rolls which have supplied the transcripts printed in this book are the following:—

1. Exchequer Memoranda Roll 183, Easter, m. xi (Catley Series).
2. " " " 185, Easter, m. xii (Ormsby Series).
" " " " " m. xiii (Alvingham Series).
" " " " " m. xiiii (Sixle Series).
3. " " " 187, Hilary, m. xi (Bullington Series).

Of these rolls, No. 1 belongs to the Easter Term of 8 Henry IV, 13 April to 9 May, 1407. No. 2 belongs to the Easter Term of 10 Henry IV, 24 April to 20 May, 1409. No. 3 belongs to the Hilary Term of 12 Henry IV, 23 January to 12 February, 1411. The charters of Sempringham priory entered on the third of these rolls have already been printed by the late Major E. M. Poynton in the *Genealogist*, N.S., vols. xv, xvi. The only document entered on behalf of Haverholme priory on the roll for Easter, 8 Henry IV, is the detailed charter of confirmation issued by Edward III in 1337. It is fully abstracted in the *Calendar of the Charter Rolls* (vol. iv, pp. 405-419), and has therefore not been reprinted here.

II

The sixty-two charters in this book which relate to the possessions of Sixle priory form a material addition to the monastic history of Lincolnshire. No cartulary of the house has been preserved, nor are any of its original title deeds at present known to exist. The charters which are printed here have been used in the article on Sixle priory in the *Victoria County History of Lincolnshire*, (ii, 194), but none of them has ever yet been published. They form a long and interesting series, and most of them relate to a part of Lincolnshire from which few medieval documents have come down to the present time.

The house was founded at the middle of the twelfth century by William son of Hacon. The founder must have been an old man. He does not seem to have survived the accession of Henry II, and he was already holding land in Lindsey before 1118 (*The Lincolnshire Survey*, ed. Greenstreet, plates 13, 14, 22). Ediva, his wife, bore the common Old English name Eadgifu. Hacon, his father, appears in *Domesday Book* (Record Commission, i, f. 352) as tenant of a small estate in Hainton under Roger of Poitou. From Hacon's name it may probably be inferred that the family had been established in Lincolnshire before the Conquest. It was certainly of considerable importance in the reign of Henry II. The possessions of Thomas son of William son of Hacon were widely scattered over the county. Ralf son of Hacon and Simon his son were each benefactors to Sixle priory, though their gifts were not large. The male line of the founder ended after a generation in Grace of Saleby, daughter of Thomas son of William, who occurs in these documents as granting to Sixle priory a tenement in East Barkwith which had escheated to her through its tenant's felony (*Sixle*, 48).

The original endowment of the priory consisted of the church of Sixle, and lands in Sixle, North Willingham, and Nettleton (*Sixle*, 1). Within the next thirty-five years it had acquired a large estate in the villages between Market Rasen on the west and the heart of the Wolds on the east, and between Hainton on the south and Tealby on the north. Lying apart from this central territory

were smaller possessions in Thoresway, Rothwell, Hundon, Covenham and Grainthorpe, Aisthorpe, and Lincoln. Most remote of all from the priory was the church of Saleby, the gift of Thomas son of William son of Hacon. These possessions are succinctly described in a long charter of Henry II which is one of the remarkable features of the series (no. 64). By 1189, the priory certainly ranked among the better endowed of the new Lincolnshire monasteries. Its possessions were increased in the next century by grants at Toft by Newton, West and Middle Rasen to the west of Sixle, at Holton, Beckering, East Barkwith, and Bleasby, to the south-west, and at Binbrook and Kirmond to the north-east. Most of this new property lay within a short distance of the priory, but thirty miles away, at Helpringham in Kesteven, there lived three serfs whom the priory had received by the gift of Simon son of Philip of Kyme (*Sixle*, 17).

Most of this property had come in by small gifts—of a bovate, or forty acres, or a mill. Some Lincolnshire monasteries, Louth Park and Alvingham, for example, obtained much of their property in very small parcels by the gift of peasants. The Ormsby charters in this book include several examples of such gifts (*Ormsby*, 42, 44-46). No grants by men of this class were enrolled among the Sixle charters. Most of the benefactors of this house stood high in the scale of feudal tenure. These charters include grants by members of such families as Punchardon, Malet, Scoteni, Percy, Bayeux, Craon, Crevequer, and d'Isini. Most of the great houses of central Lindsey are represented by grants to Sixle priory. Henry II himself was among its benefactors (*Sixle*, 64).

Certain charters in this series record the grant of considerable estates. The priory was willing to take land at a very substantial rent, and to pay a very substantial consideration for a grant. For a hundred pounds down, which he needed for the expenses of a journey to Jerusalem, Jocelin of Louvain, the brother-in-law of Henry I, granted to the priory his whole manor of Ludford, except the fees of the knights who held of him there, at a yearly rent of twelve pounds (*Sixle*, 15). The priory undertook to pay twelve marks a year to Matthew of Tealby for his land in North Willingham and Osgodby (*Sixle*, 25), and four pounds a year to Robert son of Robert for the village of Legsby (*Sixle*, 16; cf. no. 51). These are all considerable sums, and the command of large quantities of ready money by even a small religious house like Sixle is a fact of some social importance. It certainly contributed materially to the creation of the monastic estates which were arising all over Lincolnshire in the second half of the twelfth century.

In 1086, the village of North Ormsby was divided between three tenants in chief, Drew de Beurere, the bishop of Lincoln, and Ivo Taillebois. Their fees in the village were still distinct in the reign of Henry I; and Ormsby priory, soon after its foundation received gifts from each fee. Gilbert son of Robert, 'the first founder of the

abbey of the nuns of Ormsby,' as he calls himself, held of the earl of Albemarle, the successor of Drew de Beurere. His gifts comprised a mediety of the churches of Ormsby and Utterby, the third part of his land in either village, amounting to twenty bovates, and various smaller parcels of land (*Ormsby*, 1). Ralf of Wyham, a tenant of the bishop of Lincoln, gave his share in the same two churches, a *cultura* of arable, some scattered pieces of land, and certain land on the north of the village which had belonged to the church of St. Andrew of Utterby before its dedication (*Ormsby*, 2, 3). From the remaining fee, that of Ivo Taillebois, the priory received forty acres by the gift of Walter of Hamby, and twelve acres more by that of Matthew his son (*Ormsby*, 37, 39). These gifts amounted in all to a considerable estate in Ormsby and Utterby, though the priory was far from acquiring the whole of either village.

Its possessions were much more widely scattered than those of Sixle priory. Its lands in Fotherby, Fulstow, Grimoldby, Little Grimsby, Covenham, and Welton le Wold, lay within a morning's ride of the house. But already before the death of king John it had acquired property in Spaldington, Spaldingholme, Holme on Spalding Moor, and Swinefleet in south Yorkshire. It had received grants of turbary at Butterwick in Axholme, and in the marsh of Bolingbroke (*Ormsby*, 64, 66, 30). It had acquired a group of unfree tenants at Friskney (nos. 15, 16), seven bovates and three tofts at Barton on Humber (no. 34), a portion of a toft at Boston (no. 40), a toft and two selions at Croxby (no. 33), an isolated bovate in West Keal (no. 31), and thirteen ells of Lincoln frontage (nos. 11 to 13). Soon afterwards, it received several grants of land at North Kelsey (nos. 44 to 47), a toft and croft at Bolingbroke (no. 14), a toft in Grimsby (no. 28), and lands in Holton le Clay (nos. 17, 18). A complete record of the possessions of the house might perhaps modify the impression of extreme and inconvenient dispersal which these details produce. It would not effect the fact that Ormsby priory was maintained by a property scattered over the greater part of Lincolnshire and extending to the south Yorkshire plain.

Such a record once existed. Gervase Holles made an abstract of a cartulary of Ormsby which in his day was in the possession of 'Rokeby de Skyres.' Whatever the merits of this cartulary may have been, Holles' abstract (*Lansd. MS.* 207c) records little beyond a list of gifts, with the names of those who made them, and the attestations of a few occasional witnesses. The original charters to Ormsby priory have all disappeared. The transcripts printed here, like those relating to Sixle priory, have been used in the *Victoria History of Lincolnshire* (ii, 195). With this reservation, they may be described as new material for the history of the county.

The same may be said still more definitely about the charters which relate to the obscure priory of Catley. The first of them has been printed in the *Monasticon* (vii, p. 967), but the existence of the others does not seem to have been suspected. Nothing is known of

any cartulary of this priory, nor of any original charters relating to it. The priory was founded before 1157 (*Catley*, 16) in an island on the western boundary of Walcot, then, as now, a chapelry of Billinghay (*Catley*, 1). Its original endowment lay in the villages of Billinghay and Walcot: it included the church of St. Andrew of Billinghay and the chapel of Walcot. Much of its property lay within a short distance to the west of the house, in Digby, Dorrington, Scopwick, Rowston, and Timberland. Few early documents have so far come from this quarter, the district between the Witham and the hills which rise to form the Lincoln Edge. In the north of this district, between Branston and Scopwick, Thurgarton priory was an important landowner, and Nocton priory was established. In the south, around Ruskington and Anwick, Haverholme priory had a large interest. Few of the records of these houses have been published. The Catley charters which relate to the large medieval villages between Timberland and Brauncewell fill a serious gap in the distribution of early Lincolnshire documents.

Before the twelfth century was over, the priory had also acquired a scattered property in the west riding of Lindsey. As early as 1157, it received a toft and forty acres of arable at Cotes near Ingham (*Catley*, 16). Before the end of 1172, it had acquired a considerable holding at Glentworth (nos. 18, 19). From various benefactors in this century it received three *culturæ* and two acres of meadow at Ingleby (no. 17), a toft and a *cultura* at Hardwick near Torksey (no. 22), five acres in the fields of Torksey (no. 23), and six acres in the meadows of Trent marsh (no. 28). At the other end of the county, it became entitled to a salt rent from a pan at Gosberton (no. 24). In the next century it acquired an interest outside Lincolnshire itself—a holding of a toft and two bovates at Saltby in north Leicestershire, with its tenant and his issue (no. 25).

The most interesting of these documents is undoubtedly the long charter of Thomas Bardolf, the second in the series. Thomas was seneschal of Normandy, and held of the king a moiety of the Domesday fief of Geoffrey Alselin. Something will be said later about the curious terminology of this charter, but its especial interest lies in the circumstances under which it was made, 'at 'Wansford when I, Thomas, crossed over from Stamford fair in the 'year from the incarnation of the Lord 1184, ... for the 'prosperity of our journey now with God's favour begun.' Many royal charters of the twelfth century were dated *in transfretatione regis*, and issued at the port from which the king was about to sail. The use of the verb *transfretare* in this charter implies not only that Thomas was returning from England to Normandy, but also that he was about to begin his journey by water at Wansford. The Nen is already a considerable stream at Wansford bridge, but it does not suggest a port from which travellers set out to cross the sea.

The nuns of Bullington submitted very few of their title deeds to the Exchequer in 1411. Hundreds of original charters in favour

of this house are still preserved in the great Harleian and Cottonian collections at the British Museum. The meagre series which is printed here would of itself give a very inaccurate impression of the wealth of the house or the number of its individual benefactors. Its chief merit is that it includes an almost perfect copy of the charter in which Simon son of William states that he has founded a house of religion in his park of Bullington (no. 1). The substance of this document has long been known, but no satisfactory text has yet been printed. For a charter which can be little if at all later than the accession of Henry II it is drafted with unusual brevity and precision; its style anticipates the typical work of the later years of the century.

Brief as the series is, it includes copies of more than a dozen twelfth century charters which otherwise would have been forgotten. Three of them relate to the churches of Hoton and Prestwald in north Leicestershire (nos. 3 to 5). The others are isolated documents which do not always reveal all the circumstances of the grants which they record. They should be read as a supplement to the long series of original charters to Bullington priory published in *Danelaw Charters* (pp. 1 to 74). The chief features of interest which they present are the attestations of peasants to the early charter of Thorald son of Warin (no. 9); the gift of a mill near Donington on Bain, with the stipulation that the grantor's men are not to grind there without his leave (no. 13); the passage which shows a man of obvious native ancestry, Magnus of Burgh le Marsh, holding in the reign of Henry II five bovates of land for the eighth part of a knight's service (no. 17); and the reference to one English tenant, William son of Godric, succeeding another Englishman, Edric Hindenfeyr, in the tenure of a toft and twenty acres in Wainfleet (no. 19). The circumstances which caused the attestations to an important charter of confirmation (no. 11) to end with the names of a smith, a carpenter, a plumber, and a mason must remain a matter for speculation. The organisation of the order of Sempringham is illustrated by the charter in which prior Gilbert II appropriates the priory's land in Boston to the uses of the infirmary (no. 10). The territorial history of Bullington priory is more fully recorded than that of any other Lincolnshire house of its order, and these charters are a useful, if small, addition to the series of its surviving muniments.

With one exception, no. 18, all the charters to Alvingham priory which are printed here are copied into the thirteenth century cartulary of this house (Bodleian Library, *Laud MS.*, 642). The fifteenth century transcript from which they are now published reproduces the attestation clauses in full: they are nearly always omitted from the cartulary. The Alvingham series is very short, and includes none of the numerous grants by free peasants in the east of Lincolnshire which make the cartulary an important document for social history.

Five of the twenty charters in the series relate to a small property at Reedness on the Yorkshire Ouse, near the land which Ormsby priory possessed in the adjoining village of Swinefleet. None of these charters is earlier than the reign of Richard I. Most of the Lincolnshire charters, on the other hand, are early. In particular, the first charter of Hamelin the dean (no. 2), and the charters of Hugh de Scoteni, William of Friston, Amfred of Legbourne, and Roger de Merlei (nos. 3, 4, 5, 6), belong to the very middle of the twelfth century. The remainder present few unusual features, but the long charter in which Brian son of Hamelin confirms his father's gifts in Alvingham and Grainthorpe (no. 8), gives an interesting picture of a marsh village at an early date—its salt-pans, the strips of arable abutting on the meadow, and the grouping of dwellings around the village church.

The priory was founded by Roger son of Jocelin, the brother of Gilbert of Sempringham. The most interesting figure among its early benefactors is Hamelin 'the dean,' apparently the rural dean of Louthesk wapentake. His personal history is confused by the extraordinary circumstance that a brother of his also bore the name Hamelin, and was like him a rural dean in east Lincolnshire (no. 9). By descent he belonged to the native Anglo-Danish stock of this region. He possessed a considerable estate in Alvingham and Grainthorpe, in which he was succeeded by his eldest son Brian. Most, if not all, of his land lay within the great soke of Gayton, a franchise of the count of Brittany, to which the greater part of both Alvingham and Grainthorpe belonged. Three quarters of the church of St. Athelwold of Alvingham, of which Hamelin was parson, were annexed to the land which he held of the count's fee (no. 2). The odd quarter belonged to Roger son of Jocelin, the founder of the priory, in virtue of a separate manor in the village. Soon after the foundation of the priory, Roger gave his quarter of the church to the nuns, with the consent of Hamelin, who was parson of the whole. Hamelin subsequently resigned all his rights as parson into the bishop's hand for the benefit of the nuns, and finally gave them the three quarters of the church which were appurtenant to his land in Alvingham. It was a complicated transaction, and it therefore illustrates the more clearly the confusion of interests in a village church, which was a commonplace in the middle of the twelfth century, but had generally been reduced into some sort of order by the early part of the thirteenth.

III

Although written instruments recording grants of land have survived in large numbers from the middle of the twelfth century, they were never in the middle ages indispensable to a valid transfer of possession. The essential condition precedent to an effective gift was livery of seisin, the act by which the grantor put the grantee

into physical possession of the land at issue between them. For this, the parties in person, or by attorneys, might meet on or in sight of the land to be conveyed. This was the normal procedure in the thirteenth century and afterwards. At an earlier date, it would seem that possession might effectively be transferred by a symbolic action. The donor might hand to the donee some article, a stick or a turf, representing the land which was the subject of his gift. In neither case was any written evidence of the transaction indispensable in law. Even to-day, the ancient symbolical transfer is the essential part of a conveyance in court of copyhold land, conveyance by 'surrender and admittance.' The written entry upon the roll of the court of the manor is merely evidence of a transaction which has already taken place in court. In the same way the private charters of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries are merely records of transactions which are valid in themselves without further testimony.

These documents bear their character upon their face. A normal charter of the middle ages is expressed in the past tense. The donor states that he has given and granted and by this his present charter confirmed to the donee whatever is the subject of his gift. A charter is essentially, as this formula implies, the confirmation of an act which already lies in the past. Its object is to provide testimony more permanent than that of mortal witnesses, to supply written evidence against any who might hereafter challenge the gift to which it relates. In early times, before clerks had worked out a common form of set phrases, a charter will often bear a close resemblance to a private letter. There is, for example, a marked epistolary character about the early charter by which William son of Goer in his old age releases all his right in the church of North Willingham to the nuns of Sixle (no. 5). The same character belongs to the ancient royal writs from which the private charters of the middle ages are descended, documents such as those in which Edward the Confessor used to make known his pleasure to his bishops, earls, and thegns. Traces of this origin may still be observed in the highly formal private documents of the thirteenth century.

A letter ought to bear an address. Many early charters open with a greeting addressed specifically to individual persons. Geoffrey son of Robert of Keddington greets the bishop of Lincoln and all the chapter of St. Mary before he recites how he has granted the church of Keddington and the land of Thurkill to the nuns of Alvingham (no. 7). Ralf of Wyham addresses a charter to his lord, Robert bishop of Lincoln, and all the faithful of holy church (*Ormsby*, 2). Earl William of Albemarle greets all his barons and the faithful of Christ present and future (*Ormsby*, 5). In every case, the persons whom a grantor selected to receive his greeting could materially help or hinder the observance of his charter. The bishop of Lincoln was the feudal lord of Ralf of Wyham. He was not the

lord of Geoffrey of Keddington, but he and his chapter could give the sanction of ecclesiastical penalties to Geoffrey's charter. Earl William's charter readjusts the service due to him from a part of his fee, and was therefore interesting to all his barons. Phrases which imply that a lord is announcing to his men the purport of a charter are an appropriate introduction to documents which record grants of land to be held by military service, the creation of a new tenancy, or the confirmation of an old one. They are less obviously in keeping with grants of land in alms to a religious house. Land thus granted should be free from the burden of feudal service. Charters specifically addressed to the grantor's men will only occur as exceptions in a series of documents made in favour of the religious. If Eudo of Mumby announces to all his men and friends that he has made a grant to Bullington priory it is because he has reserved to himself the eighth part of a knight's service (*Bullington*, 17). Specific greetings of any sort become steadily rarer in private documents as time goes on. Any private charter which opens in this way may at once be provisionally assigned to the twelfth century. The general salutation of all Christ's faithful or all the sons of mother church lasts longer. More than half the charters in this book begin with some variety of this phrase. And already by the middle of the twelfth century, many charters were being made without any initial formula of greeting. The unaddressed notification, opening at once with words like 'Know all men by these presents' is as old as any type of private document. It was employed before the Norman Conquest, some of the earliest charters in this collection are cast into this form, and it survived the middle ages themselves. In form it is still a letter, but an open letter.

To the greeting or words of notification there follow immediately in a normal charter the words of gift. They present little variety throughout the period covered by the charters which follow. The phrase *dedi, concessi, et hac presenti carta confirmavi* was already well established in the earliest years of Henry II's reign. Generally, though by no means invariably, clerks observe the rule that *dedi* should not be used in charters which are only the confirmations of earlier gifts. The chief interest of the words of gift lies in the fact that in the twelfth century they often include a statement, or convey an implication, that parties who might afterwards contest the charter have consented to its provisions. A gift might easily be contested by the donor's heirs or by his lord. His wife might claim that it had been made from the portion of his estate which had been assigned to her in dower. It is this danger which explains the tendency of twelfth century draftsmen so to frame the words of gift as to express the consent of wife or heirs or lord. There were several ways of asserting this consent. The simplest way was to associate the consenting parties with the donor in the phrase of greeting or notification, and to cast the words of gift into the plural number. The first charter in this book runs in the names of

William son of Hacon, Thomas his son and heir, and Ediva his wife (*Sixle*, 1). In the twelfth century, charters were often made to run in the joint names of a man and his wife. Thomas son of William and Agnes his wife, Walter de Scoteni and Elena his wife, Jocelin the queen's brother and Agnes de Percy his wife, are thus associated in charters to Sixle priory (nos. 8, 24, 30). Other combinations were possible. Sampson Takell, Gilbert his uncle, and all his heirs, jointly make a gift of turbary to Ormsby priory (no. 64). Charters were less often drafted in this form after the beginning of the thirteenth century, though it was long possible for two or more brothers who were occupying an undivided inheritance to make charters running in their joint names.

Even in the twelfth century it was more usual for the formula of consent to be inserted as a parenthesis into words of gift which remain in the singular number. Walter de Neville states that he has given land to Bullington priory with the assent and will and consent of Cecily his wife, Alexander his son and heir, and his other heirs (*Bullington*, 14). Matthew of Tealby, in a similar context, asserts the consent of Reginald de Crevequer his lord, Maud, Reginald's wife, and Alexander, Gilbert, and Simon, Reginald's sons, and of his own sons, William, John, and Ralf (*Sixle*, 25). The frequent insertion of such passages helps to explain the high value which twelfth century charters bear for the genealogist. But the phrases which assert the consent of interested parties are noteworthy in other ways. The reiterated assertion of the heir's consent is a memorial of a time when no part of a family inheritance could safely be alienated against the will of its members. Their consent was often asserted in charters of the early thirteenth century, but it is rarely introduced into the stereotyped formulas of a later time. When it had become a matter of common form to state that the donor and his heirs would warrant a gift, it was superfluous to record the assent of the heirs to its provisions.

Every charter includes some description of the property to which it relates, whether that property consists of acres, churches, or men. These descriptions become steadily more precise, and therefore more elaborate, as time goes on. Information as to the detailed distribution of land over the common fields of a village is to be found in charters of the thirteenth century rather than in those of the twelfth. It is unusual for a twelfth century charter to include an exact definition of each parcel of land comprised in a scattered holding. Clerks of this age were generally content to identify individual strips by the name of some local feature near which they respectively lay, and to leave the determination of their exact position to the memory of those who saw the grantee put in seisin of the land. Under Henry II, for example, it was sufficient for Thorald of Welton le Wold to speak of six acres of his free socage as they lay separately on the east of Lofdale, without even naming the village in whose territory those acres lay (*Ormsby*, 42). When

all other evidence fails, the terms in which a parcel of land is defined will often decide whether a charter belongs to the time of Henry II or to that of Henry III.

Nevertheless the passages in twelfth century charters which illustrate the arrangement of open fields are very precious. The open field system can be traced back in England as far as the seventh century. It is the very foundation of all English medieval life, but the facts which illustrate its nature before the Norman Conquest are fragmentary and often obscure. Most of them are derived from the clauses which describe the boundaries of estates granted by royal charter, and descriptions of village boundaries generally leave the core of the village territory in darkness. Moreover, the documents which have survived from this remote time are distributed very unevenly over the country. More than a hundred genuine charters remain to illustrate the topography of Berkshire in the tenth century. With Lincolnshire, as with the north and east of England generally, the kings of the age before the Conquest had little to do. Among all the royal charters of the tenth century only one, Edgar's grant of Barrow on Humber to bishop Aethelwald (*Cartularium Saxonicum*, 1270) relates to Lincolnshire. This gives especial importance to the twelfth century charters which come from this county. The information which they supply about open fields may be meagre, but it is the earliest information which we possess about the rural economy of the shire. And in regard to the volume of this evidence no other county, not even Yorkshire, is the rival of Lincolnshire.

In the actual plotting of the open fields, variations of detail were bound to arise in so considerable a region as Lincolnshire. Nevertheless, except for the Marsh and the Fens, where a different economy prevailed, the chief features of the system were remarkably constant. The arable land of a village was normally, perhaps universally in the twelfth century, divided into two great fields, each of which lay fallow in alternate years. The alternate fallowing of the two great fields explains a phrase of which there are several examples in these charters, to the effect that the lands to which the charter refers lie half on one side of a village and half on the other. The two sides of a village are its two great arable fields. A piece of land which lay wholly in one field, on one side of a village, would bring in nothing to its possessor in every other year except a mere right of pasture. In the charters which follow, gifts of land are divided equally between the two fields of a village at Oxcombe (*Bullington*, 16), East Barkwith (*Bullington*, 9), Cotes near Ingham (*Catley*, 16), Fotherby (*Ormsby*, 25), and North Kelsey (*Ormsby*, 46). The practice was general in every part of Lindsey; it certainly prevailed in Kesteven, though it is less commonly recorded there; it has not been observed in charters which relate to Holland.

Each great arable field fell into a large number of smaller divisions which are generally called *culturæ* in Latin documents and

'wongs' in later common speech. A gift of land might sometimes consist wholly of *culturæ*. William son of Jocelin of Ingleby gave to Catley priory three separate *culturæ* of arable in the territory of Ingleby (*Catley*, 17). Such grants are rarely made except by important men. The land of the ordinary peasant, the land of many knights and important free tenants, lay dispersed in strips, in *seliones*, scattered over many *culturæ*. Nowhere do thirteenth century clerks show more clearly the stricter canons of draftsmanship which prevailed in their time than in the description of the individual strips which make up an open field tenement. They rarely measure, but they define laboriously. There are Lincolnshire villages where the distribution of the village arable could almost be represented on a map from the details supplied by medieval charters.

Many of the gifts which went to form a monastic estate consisted of peasant tenements in their entirety. Under Henry II, for example, Catley priory received from various benefactors two bovates in Rowston which Roger, Walter's grandson, held, two bovates in Scopwick which Kare and William Uncle held, a bovate in Digby which was Gille's, two bovates in Dorrington which Walter, Nicholas' brother, held (*Catley*, 5, 7, 11, 13). These peasant holdings are nearly all defined in terms of the bovate, the 'oxgang' of later Lincolnshire documents. In the twelfth century, an average Lincolnshire bovate consisted of twenty acres, ten in one of the two village fields and ten in the other (*Danelaw Charters*, xxviii, xxix). Lambert de Twit gave to Ormsby priory a twenty acre bovate in Fotherby, divided in this way (*Ormsby*, 25). Thomas son of William adopted the same standard for a bovate which he made up in Hainton for the benefit of Sixle priory, though of its twenty acres all except half an acre lay in one of the two village fields (*Sixle*, 20). It may have been intended that this bovate should be withdrawn from the open field routine. Bovates of twenty acres will be recorded in most considerable collections of early Lincolnshire charters. At a later time, with the growth of population and the reduction of ancient wastes into cultivation, it was impossible to maintain the tradition of a standard tenement. From the evidence supplied by Elizabethan and Jacobean documents it would never be guessed that most of the open fields of Lincolnshire had once been divided into bovates of twenty acres. It may be added that the early Lincolnshire evidence is important for general English history. The size of the original peasant tenement is one of the chief facts to be considered in forming an opinion as to the character of early society. The Lincolnshire evidence on this matter is both earlier and of better quality than that which exists for any other part of England. The present charters do not contribute much to the body of this evidence, but the facts which they supply are in perfect agreement with it.

There are many grants of meadow in the charters which follow, but few of them present any remarkable features. A grant of two acres of meadow at Ingleby *in loco qui vocatur ker* deserves quotation

as an early example of the Danish word *car* still applied to meadow in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire (*Catley*, 17). By an almost universal custom, a certain portion of meadow went with a share in the open arable fields; it provided winter keep for the plough beasts. Even when waste land was broken up for tillage, the new arable might be provided with appurtenant meadow. Thomas Bardolf grants to Catley priory 'les brekkes' and twenty-six adjacent acres of arable in Digby field, five 'bovates of meadow' in the west ing and the same number in the east ing of Digby, and two 'bovates of meadow' in the east ing by reason of the land of the brecks (*Catley*, 2). The *brekkes* of this document are stretches of waste land cleared for cultivation. The bovates of meadow which go with them are shares in the village meadows, each considered a suitable appurtenance to a bovate of arable. The whole terminology of this passage is very remarkable. It shows that even in 1184 men were allowing themselves a lax use of the technical words of rural economy. This laxity was common enough in the later centuries of open field economy, but it is not expected to occur in a charter issued by Henry II's seneschal of Normandy.

The references to pasture in these charters do not fairly represent the importance which belonged to rights of pasture in medieval economy. Like a share in the village meadows, they were a necessary appurtenance of any arable holding, and they were generally determined by its extent. On the other hand, the village wastes of Lincolnshire were not limitless, and in the twelfth century the development of sheep farming was encroaching upon their surplus resources. Charters which grant pasture for a flock of sheep generally define its size. Flocks of two hundred sheep were common (*Catley*, 1, 13, 14, 16; *Bullington*, 14). Flocks six times as large were possible. Thomas d'Arci grants to Alvingham priory pasture for a thousand sheep by the great hundred in the 'territory,' the arable fields, on each side of the village of Coneysby, but particularly in the village waste (*Alvingham*, 12). Sixle priory was allowed to make a sheep-fold in the fields of South Cadeby; Catley priory might make a fold in the waste of Dunsby by Cranwell (*Sixle*, 52; *Catley*, 14). Sheep were ubiquitous in medieval Lincolnshire.

In the later middle ages, a clear distinction was drawn between *pascua* and *pastura*. The latter word denoted the right of turning out animals to feed wherever in the village territory it was lawful for them to go. The former word denoted the portion of the village territory set apart for the feeding of animals, the village waste. Already in the twelfth century these words had probably acquired their distinct meanings though clerks were not yet consistent in their usage. Early in the reign of Henry II, earl William of Albemarle confirms lands to Ormsby priory *in pratis, pascuis, et pasturis* (*Ormsby*, 6). The clerk who composed his charter need not be thought guilty of superfluous verbiage.

The movement towards precision is an important phase in the history of conveyancing. It becomes peculiarly interesting when it corresponds to a change in contemporary thought. Such a change undoubtedly came over the general conception of the position of the village church in the course of the twelfth century, a change which itself is one result of the contemporary effort to emancipate the whole western church from feudal control. In the reign of Henry II, as in Domesday Book, a century earlier, a village church was commonly regarded as a source of monetary profit to its owner. The grant of a church at this time conveyed more than an advowson, it carried the revenue derived from glebe, tithes, and offerings. Agnes daughter of William de Percy expressly distinguishes her right of patronage in the church of St. Helen of Ludford from the actual church with its appurtenances (*Sixle*, 2). Charters of this age therefore normally treat a church as a piece of property to be granted with all its appurtenances like a mill or an agricultural holding. Supir de Bayeux grants to the nuns of Sixle all that belongs to him in the church of Little Wykeham with a toft and other things, namely, in lands, meadows, pastures, and waters (*Sixle*, 11). Robert Putrel grants to the nuns of Bullington the church of Hoton in Leicestershire and its advowson with all appurtenances in lands, tithes, and offerings (*Bullington*, 3). The owner's rights over his church were qualified by the necessity of providing for the support of a priest, but the establishment of permanent vicarages was still a novelty at the end of the twelfth century. It is only in the thirteenth century that clerks come to recognise that the grant of a church is essentially the grant of an advowson, and frame their formulas accordingly.

Charters continually illustrate the feudal side of the history of the village church. No feature of that history is more remarkable than the common practice by which shares in such a church, its profits and appurtenances, were annexed to different fees within a village. The practice followed naturally from the cooperation of several lords and their respective men in the original endowment of a church. It was commonest in a region like Lincolnshire, where from a remote time most villages had been divided between a number of lords, and the persons who possessed shares in a village church in the twelfth century can often be identified as the successors of the lords between whom the village itself had been divided in 1066. Although fractions of churches are now and then entered in Domesday among the appurtenances of manors, the length to which the division of churches had been carried would hardly have been suspected had it not been for the survival of the charters by which portions of churches are conferred upon the religious. Lambert de Scoteni, for example, granted two-thirds of the church of Stainton le Vale to the nuns of Alvingham (no. 10). A sixth part of Nettleton church belonged to a holding of five bovates in that village which formed part of the original endowment

of Sixle priory (*Sixle*, 1). A third part of the same church was appurtenant to the tenement of Ivo son of Alden in Nettleton, which passed as an escheat to Henry II, and was given by him to the same house (*Sixle*, 64). Before 1200, Ormsby priory had obtained the whole of Fotherby church, but it acquired a quarter from Roger de Clere, another quarter from William son of Amfrid, and half from Hugh de Wildeker (*Ormsby*, 8, 9, 10). In addition to a quarter of the church, William son of Amfrid also granted to the priory a quarter of the arable, meadow, and marsh of Hugh de Twit's demesne in Fotherby, and a quarter of Hugh's demesne toft (*Ormsby*, 22). There had obviously been a partition of the manor, and it had involved a corresponding partition of the church annexed to the estate. There is a close connexion between feudal and ecclesiastical geography. A man's tenants were expected to pay their religious dues to their lord's church, just as they were expected to grind their corn at their lord's mill. And it is often, perhaps generally, the feudal aspect of a village church which supplies the best clue to the obscure circumstances of its foundation.

These circumstances were often more complicated than would be inferred from the terse language of early charters. A charter never tells the whole history of the property with which it deals, but it sometimes records suggestive facts in an incidental way. Hugh de Bayeux, for example, granted to the nuns of Ormsby all that he had by hereditary right in the mediety of the church of Grimoldby which he claimed to hold of the earl of Richmond's fee 'namely that part which Alan and his brothers gave to the aforesaid nuns' (*Ormsby*, 4). The charter says nothing more about Alan and his brothers, but a copy of their charter to the nuns of Ormsby has been preserved and deserves to be printed:

Notum sit cunctis sancte matris ecclesie filiis quod nos fratres videlicet Alanus de Aisterby et Randulfus de Gimesby [*sic*] et Willelmus et Rogerus Thomas et Siwardus filii Thuraldi de Aisterby consensu et assensu heredum et Roberti filii Gilberti de Mannby dedimus concessimus et hac presenti charta nostra confirmauimus dimidiam partem ecclesie de Grimesby [*sic*] cum omnibus pertinentiis suis deo et beate Marie et coenobio sanctimonialium de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute nostra et pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum Fundata enim est in feudo nostro (*Lansd. MS.*, 207 C, p. 244b).

The family was certainly of native origin. Thorald of Asterby gave a toft and croft in Saltfleetby of the count of Brittany's fee to the Templars (*Mon. Angl.*, VII, 828). Alan son of Thorald of Asterby and his son attest a final concord made in 1183 in the court of the count's soke of Gayton (*Danelaw Charters*, no. 536). The count of Brittany is the same person as the earl of Richmond. His soke of Gayton included part of both Grimoldby and Gayton. Thorald of Asterby may well have been one of his more important tenants, but in status he must have ranked as one of the numerous sokemen who inhabited these villages in the twelfth century. The association of the six sons of a man of this class in the grant of half a church founded on their land is a fact of exceptional interest.

The tendency towards precision of phrase, visible in charters which relate to churches, may also be observed in grants of quite a different nature. Already under Henry II, a lord could include his tenant's land with his own home farm under the phrase *dominium* (*Sixle*, 27). From a very remote age it was possible for one man to transfer to another the services which a third man owed to him. In the twelfth century, it was very unusual for these services to be described in the charter which transferred them. There is generally nothing in such a document to shew whether a tenant's service meant a money rent or the performance of a heavy routine of agricultural labour. The modern student is also continually perplexed by the uncertainty whether the man whose service was thus granted was personally free or unfree. The clerks of the twelfth century employ the same form of words in relation to either case. They nearly always express the grant of a tenant's service in the form of a grant of the tenant's person, and they rarely introduce any words which define the tenant's status. It is never safe to assume that a man who in the twelfth century is granted by charter is personally unfree. This confusion may be illustrated by the words used by William son of Roger in relation to one of his tenants in Tealby. 'I have given 'to God and St. Mary and the nuns of Sixle and their brethren my 'whole tenement of the fee of Ralf de Braybof, namely four bovates 'of arable land with four tofts which Blundel held and a mill in 'Tealby which Blundel held of the same fee . . . . I have also given 'them the aforesaid Blundel with all his posterity and with his whole 'tenement, namely with one bovate of land which is of the fee of 'Roger de Montbegon' (*Sixle*, 23). If it is natural to presuppose the unfreedom of a man who is given with his issue and tenement to a religious house, it is obviously unwise to see a serf in a man who holds at the very least a bovate of land, a mill, and four tofts.

Sometimes, though rarely, external evidence helps to determine the status of a man conveyed by charter. Jocelin of Louvain, in his important charter relating to the manor of Ludford (*Sixle*, 15), grants to Sixle priory Richard son of Ulf with his heirs and his tenement. Some slight presumption in favour of Richard's liberty is raised by the reference to Richard's heirs. At a later time charters never mention a serf's heirs; they speak of his issue, his *sequela*. But this distinction was certainly not rigorously observed in the twelfth century, and Richard's status cannot be inferred from the terms in which his lord refers to him. That he was free is suggested very strongly by his appearance as witness to a later charter in the Sixle series (no. 34). Attestation almost always implies the liberty of the attestor. The impression of Richard's freedom is confirmed by the fact that in 1202 he is the successful plaintiff in a plea of mort d'ancestor touching a toft in Ludford (*Assize Roll*, 478, m. 3). The evidence for his freedom is conclusive, but it is an unusual combination of circumstances which permits it to be brought together.

This indefiniteness of phraseology is not merely of technical interest. Vagueness in legal formulas always implies a corresponding vagueness of thought. Clerks in the twelfth century fail to draw a clear line between freedom and serfdom because such a line was not present to their minds. All recent work tends to the conclusion that, apart from rightless slaves, the mass of English peasants was originally possessed of personal freedom. Geographical situation, accidents of personal fortune, the policy of individual lords, all operated to draw an arbitrary line separating men whose ancestors had once held the same position in the world of their day. But that even in the thirteenth century the line was not of ancient establishment is shown by the difficulty which the king's justices often felt in pronouncing upon the status of individuals. The clerks of the twelfth century were wise in not attempting the task.

As in the thirteenth century the features distinctive of servile condition become more clearly defined, the language of charters becomes more explicit. The word *nativus*, born serf, is often applied to the names of unfree persons who are granted by charter (cf. *Sixle*, 17). Before the end of the twelfth century a formula was evolved which is very consistently employed in later conveyances of the unfree. The serf is granted to his new lord 'with all his issue and 'with all his chattels.' He is generally granted with all his land as well, but a serf was rarely disassociated from his holding, and there was no real need to specify it. An early example of this formula may be seen in the grant of Henry Wyker of Friskney to Ormsby priory by Gilbert of Benniworth (*Ormsby*, 16). In the reign of Henry III it may always be understood that a person conveyed in these terms is unfree, even if the conclusive word *nativus* is not applied to him. The formula expresses something of contempt for the serf's quality. The grant of a serf's chattels was intended to imply that all he had was his lord's, and the word *sequela* is contumelious. It should not be assumed that the baseness of condition implied in this formula meant that the serf lay at his lord's mercy. He was protected by the custom of the manor in which he lived, a custom which already must often have acquired the sanction of antiquity. But the phrases in which serfs are granted are themselves facts, and they testify to the prevailing trend of opinion.

In the closing decades of the twelfth century a charter will sometimes record the grant of a tenant's homage and chattels (*Ormsby*, 23). A generation later it would be highly unusual for a grant to be expressed in these terms. As the thirteenth century goes on, clerks become more and more consistent in their observance of the important distinction between a grant of the issue and chattels of a serf and a grant of a free tenant's homage and service. The contrast is neatly drawn in the charter by which Beatrice de Verli grants to Sixle priory the homages, rents, and services of three free tenants in East Barkwith, and the persons, chattels, and issues of

two of her *nativi* in the same place (*Sixle*, 19). The act of homage, by which a man placed himself under a lord's protection, was a distinctive incident of free tenure in the thirteenth century. A lord would be indiscreet if he allowed his serf to do him homage; the reception of homage would be construed in the king's courts as an admission of the tenant's freedom. In the twelfth century, the grant of a man's homage was normally equivalent to a grant of his service. It was, for example, enough for William de Isini to grant to Sixle priory the homages of David and Robert sons of Gladwin of Stapleford, and for Lambert de Scoteni to grant to the same house the homages of William and Ivo, his men (*Sixle*, 61, 14). But by the middle of the thirteenth century the ancient force had departed from the ceremony of homage.

Grants of land to the religious are usually made in alms—in free, pure, and perpetual alms, according to the perfected formula of the thirteenth century. These words were not verbiage. The freedom of alms is a matter of public rather than of private law. At the beginning of the thirteenth century it means that suits concerning such land are not a matter for the king's courts; they can only be terminated in those of the church. The definition of a grant in alms as 'pure' is intended to bar the grantor or his heirs from exacting secular services from the land. The alms must also be perpetual, or the grantor or his heirs may afterwards revoke the gift. Here again, draughtsmen observe an increasing precision of phrase as time goes on. A grant in pure and perpetual alms could never of itself free a piece of land from burdens incumbent upon it while it was in the donor's hand. Their incidence was determined by independent negotiation between grantor and grantee. The tenement in Tealby which William son of Roger gave to Sixle priory in pure and perpetual alms remained charged with a rent of ten shillings to William's lord, Ralf de Braybof (*Sixle*, 23). It is more remarkable that Roger Mustel, in the very act of reserving a rent of a hundred shillings to himself, could describe his gift as made in pure and perpetual alms (*Sixle*, 51). It is evident that he was using the word 'alms' in an untechnical sense, to describe the motive of a grant rather than the quality of tenure. A hundred years later, no one would have ventured to use these words in so inappropriate a context.

Most charters granting land in alms include a statement of the pious motive inspiring the gift. The charter is made for the health of the grantor's soul and for the souls of his departed kin. The succession of such phrases is broken in one instance by a remarkable variant. Roger de Clere states that he has acquired Hugh de Twit's fee by battle in the king's court, that he has therefore thought it right to devote some part of that fee to God's service, and that he has accordingly given a quarter of Fotherby church to Ormsby priory (*Ormsby*, 9). Two charters in the Catley series suggest that a story which has not been told lies behind a commonplace grant in

alms. Oliver of Wendover grants land in Glentworth to Catley priory for the souls of his father and mother and especially for the soul of William son of Warin. Oliver his son in confirming the gift records that he and his heirs have been reconciled with all the kin of William son of Warin by this confirmation (*Catley*, 19, 21). Apart from these exceptional cases, there is much to suggest that a donor often received what was really a substantial consideration for a grant in alms. In return for certain land and wood in Linwood the prior of Sixle granted a corrody in that house to Robert de Hudham for the whole of his life (*Sixle*, 31). Many grants coincided with the reception of the grantor's daughter or niece into a monastery (cf. *Sixle*, 53). The passage of highest personal interest in this book is that which records how in the abbey church of Revesby Roger Mustel made a grant in the hand of his uncle, Gilbert of Sempringham, on the occasion when Gilbert received his nephew's two daughters into the order of nuns which he had founded (*Sixle*, 51).

In the perfected charter of the thirteenth century words are always inserted to define the tenure by which the grantee should hold the land. After much experiment, clerks everywhere in England employ almost identical formulas for this purpose. In a grant of land at a yearly rent the normal formula runs, 'To have and to hold of me and my heirs, rendering yearly' so much money at such appointed terms. The formula, with the necessary variation of language, was appropriate to enfeoffments for military service and for the performance of specific personal duties. It was less appropriate to grants in alms. It was certainly felt in the twelfth century that there was something unseemly in asserting that lands given to a church, that is, essentially, to God and his saints, were to be held of a secular grantor. Even in the thirteenth century this impropriety is generally avoided, although the fact that land held *in elemosina* was subject like other land to the legal rules of tenure is inevitably recognised in the formulas of many charters (cf. *Ormsby*, 44, 48, 53, 59). The clause itself is derived in the last resort from the formal words in which the kings of the eleventh and twelfth centuries enjoined the observance of their writs. Traces of the connexion are sometimes to be remarked in early charters. There is an evident relationship between Ralf of Wyham's 'Wherefore I will and desire that the aforesaid nuns have 'and hold this alms freely and honourably of me and my heirs' (*Ormsby*, 2), and Henry II's, 'Wherefore I will and firmly command 'that the aforesaid nuns have and hold . . . . all the aforesaid things '. . . . as the charters of the aforesaid donors . . . . bear witness' (*Catley*, 29). In the last decades of the twelfth century, formulas which open in this way were seldom put out in the name of any person less august than the king, and the familiar *tenendum* clause of the thirteenth century bears no obvious sign of its royal origin.

By the end of the twelfth century a charter generally contained a clause of warranty. It was intended to commit the grantor to the duty of proving his title, if required, to the lands which were the

subject of his gift. It also implied that upon failure to establish a good title he would give an exchange for the land lost through his default. Richard son of Roger of South Kelsey explicitly promises to satisfy the convent of Ormsby according to the view of lawful men for any lands of his gift which they may lose through defect of warranty (*Ormsby*, 44). Suits at law intended to enforce the duty of warranty, pleas of warranty of charter as they were called, were common in the thirteenth century. Henry son of Gilbert of Legbourne failed to warrant to Ormsby priory pasture for eighty sheep in Fotherby, and therefore granted a fishery in Grainthorpe to that house in exchange (*Ormsby*, 21). Most clauses of warranty promise to establish a title against all men. Early in the thirteenth century, though not before, warranty against all men and women becomes common (cf. *Alvingham*, 20). Warranty against Jews is often undertaken in thirteenth century charters. It is less common in those of the twelfth century; but soon after 1150 earl William of Albemarle promises to warrant, acquit, and defend certain lands to Ormsby priory against the king and all men and also against Jews (*Ormsby*, 6). In both early and late charters the clause of warranty often includes a promise to acquit and defend the land from all claims on the part of the king or the grantor's lords. It is in grants for religious purposes that a clause of warranty first becomes a normal feature of a charter, it is rarely found in early grants for military service. But in charters to the religious the absence of the clause suggests, though it by no means proves, that a charter is not later than the earliest years of Henry II.

With the clause of warranty there is often associated a more ancient and more interesting form of provision to secure the observance of a grant. Early charters relating to the Danelaw often contain a clause to the effect that the donor has pledged his faith to observe the terms of his gift—'I, John, have pledged my faith in the 'hand of Jukel of Yarburgh to acquit and defend this gift' (*Alvingham*, 1). 'I and my heirs will warrant and acquit these things .... 'from all worldly service and exaction .... having pledged my faith 'in the hand of Jocelin of Ingleby in the presence of the lord Robert 'the bishop' (*Catley*, 16). 'I have pledged my faith in the hand of 'Alan Bretun, and Hawysa my wife has promised to observe all these 'things and confirmed them with her faith in the hand of Henry the 'priest of Linwood' (*Bullington*, 9). There can be no question that these words record a physical act; that in each case the donor has grasped the hand of an indifferent third party and promised to maintain his gift. Symbolism of this kind is generally very old. Its virtue is sacral rather than legal, and it was at the clerk's discretion to record or omit the fact that a charter had been safeguarded by the pledging of faith. In the twelfth century, the practice was far more common in the Danelaw than elsewhere, its survival illustrates the general conservatism of this region. Apparently a man could choose whom he would to receive the pledge of his faith. Lay persons were

often, perhaps usually, chosen. There is no trace of any rule that a man should choose to receive his pledge one who could compel him to observance by secular or spiritual penalties, his lord or his bishop. The lord of Dorrington and his son pledge their faith in the hand of the lord of Anwick (*Catley*, 13). These lords were peers of Ralf Halselin's fee. There is some evidence of a custom by which a woman would pledge her faith in a woman's hand, and before women witnesses. Hugh Malet, for example, asserts that his mother and wife have pledged their faith in the hand of Agnes, Richard Blanchard's wife, in the presence of Mabel, wife of Ralf the knight, and Amabel, Romfar's wife (*Sixle*, 35). Such cases are interesting as evidence of the special treatment of women in twelfth century law. The whole subject of the pledging of faith is at present imperfectly illustrated by published texts, and the examples recorded in these charters are important on this account.

It would seem that in the twelfth century a grant by charter was still far from secure until it had been fortified by appropriate ceremonies. The pledging of faith was only one of them. It might sometimes be combined with the taking of an oath:—Roger Musteile and William his son pledged their faith to observe a charter in the hand of Robert son of Julian of Horbling, and made oath to the same effect as they touched the Gospels in Sixle church (*Sixle*, 29; cf. *Alvingham*, 8). A more remarkable illustration of the multiplication of ceremonies is afforded by a long and detailed charter to Sixle priory involving the recognition of mutual duties by the grantor and the convent (*Sixle*, 25). The grantor and his son pledge their faith in the hand of a third party, Robert de Alneto. It is then recorded how the convent has given twenty marks to the grantor, twenty shillings to his eldest son, and three marks to his lord. The convent on its part binds itself to keep faith with the grantor and his heirs, after which the grantor and the convent ratify their agreement in Lincoln cathedral in the hands of Robert the bishop. Finally, the document is authenticated by the seals of the grantor and the chapter of Lincoln. The transaction is unusually complicated, but it is probable that the expression of a grant in writing was often less important to the parties than the performance of ceremonial acts of which the charter itself makes no record.

The authenticity of a document was established by the appending of the grantor's seal. The use of a seal, originally confined to persons of high rank, was general among the free peasantry of the north by the end of the twelfth century. A clause in which a grantor states that he has confirmed his charter by the addition of his seal is a matter of common form by the second quarter of the thirteenth century. Occasional examples are found in much earlier documents. Before 1166, Robert, steward of William de Perci, states that he has confirmed his alms to Ormsby priory by the witness of his seal and the witness of good men (*Ormsby*, 7). In 1184, Thomas Bardolf adds a postscript to a long charter stating that he has confirmed

with his seal the gifts which it recites (*Catley*, 2). A similar clause concludes a charter to Sixle priory which cannot be precisely dated but almost certainly belongs to the reign of Henry II (*Sixle*, 60). In the king's courts of the twelfth century the authenticity of a seal was held to imply the authenticity of the charter from which it hung. A man whose genuine seal was appended to a spurious document must bear the loss he had deserved for not keeping his seal carefully (Glanvill, x, 12).

The function of a seal was to authenticate a document: the function of a witness was to provide living testimony to its provisions. Originally, no doubt, the witnesses to a charter were present when it was executed. There is every reason to believe that the seven persons who attest Thomas Bardolf's charter to Catley (*Catley*, 2) were actually present at Wansford in 1184 when Thomas gave the charter to some representative of the priory. An early grant to Sixle priory was made in the hand of Robert the archdeacon at a synod in Lincoln cathedral in the presence and hearing of many witnesses, some of whose names are recorded in the charter. But before the end of the twelfth century it was possible for a person to be asked by letter to attest a charter which had already been made. He was not required to swear to the authenticity of a particular piece of writing, but to the terms of a grant, the *tenor* of a document, as it is called in a Sixle charter in the present book (*Sixle*, 51). It is therefore unwise to assume that the witnesses to a charter of the late twelfth or the thirteenth century were all present in the same place at the same time unless there is some definite evidence to that effect. The attestation of the whole parish of Billinghay to the first charter in the Catley series suggests that the charter was made before all the parishioners assembled in the parish church. The description of a group of witnesses to Thorald of Welton's charter to Ormsby as *multi alii de sokne* suggests that the charter was made in the court of Gayton soke within which franchise lay the land which was the subject of the charter (*Ormsby*, 42). But such cases are exceptional, and it is not well to argue very closely from the mere association of individuals in an attestation clause.

Nevertheless these clauses supply in the aggregate a large body of valuable and too little regarded material for social history. Charters relating to the region of which Lincolnshire is a part, are distinguished from those which come from the south and west by the condition of many of those who are vouched as witnesses. A Lincolnshire charter of the twelfth century is often attested by a number of men of no particular wealth and of undistinguished social position whose names prove descent from the native Anglo-Scandinavian inhabitants of the shire. The attestations of such men as Romphar of North Willingham (*Sixle*, 24), Haldan and Sax of Nettleton (*Sixle*, 35), Chetel and Rolf of Nun Ormsby (*Ormsby*, 2), Humfrey son of Sigward of Louth (*Ormsby*, 24), William son of Suain of Hallington (*Ormsby*, 27), Siwat of Benniworth (*Ormsby*, 31),

Thorald of Manby (*Alvingham*, 5), are highly characteristic of northern charters in the twelfth century. Men of similar condition attest in groups the early charters of Ralf le Noreis to Sixle and Thorald son of Warin to Bullington (*Sixle*, 60; *Bullington*, 9). There can be no question of the personal freedom of these men. Their attestations would have no value if they could not give independent testimony should it be demanded. Sometimes, though rarely, the personal independence of an individual witness can be inferred from facts recorded in other documents. William son of Suain of Hallington, for example, is almost certainly a son of the Suan who gave an acre in Hallington to the nuns of Legbourne (*Mon. Angl.*, v, 635). But although witnesses of this kind were certainly free, their position is obviously different from that of the tenant by military service or the member of a great man's household. They are peasants. Their predecessors must be sought among the sokemen of the Domesday Survey, and their appearance in the twelfth century agrees with all the other facts which show that the ancient independence of the free landholders of the northern Danelaw survived the shock of the Norman Conquest and the troubles that followed it. Such men appear in every collection of charters relating to this region, and their attestations form an important part of the evidence which distinguishes the medieval society of the north from that of the manorialised south (cf. *Danelaw Charters*, pp. ci-cvi).

Private charters rarely bear a date before the last years of the thirteenth century. Of nearly two hundred documents printed in this book, only three, and those among the latest, are precisely dated to a day (*Sixle*, 26; *Catley*, 26; *Bullington*, 2). Five are merely dated by the year of the Incarnation (*Ormsby*, 21; *Catley*, 2, 14; *Bullington*, 25; *Alvingham*, 1); two, by the year of the reigning king (*Catley*, 16, 19). In only one case is there any obvious necessity for the dating of a charter. Alexander de Crecy states that he has received twenty years' rent for the land that he has just granted; it was important that he should indicate the time from which those twenty years were to run (*Catley*, 14). It is the absence of a date which explains the wide limits of time which are assigned to charters in this book, limits defined partly by the names of individuals which occur in the charters, and partly by the formulas in which the charters are expressed. Naturally, the test of handwriting cannot be applied to date documents which are preserved in a transcript. The loss is less than might appear. The evidence of handwriting will always distinguish a document written under Stephen from one written under John: it will by no means always determine whether a document was written under Henry II or in the earliest years of Henry III. It is a valuable supplement to other indications of date, but in a conflict between the evidence of handwriting and that of formulas the evidence of formulas is generally to be preferred.

The succession of phrases derived from the terse and effective writs of Norman kings is broken in one charter by an isolated

formula descending from a far earlier time. A charter of Alan son of William of Welton, which in itself contains nothing remarkable, ends with the unexpected words *Hanc donacionem quicumque minuerit vel turbaverit anathema sit* (*Ormsby*, 41). These words are a meagre survival of the formidable clause in which an old English charter imposed extreme penalties upon the souls of all who should go against its provisions. After the Norman Conquest the clause of anathema soon became obsolete except in ecclesiastical documents. Kings ensure the observance of their charters by a money penalty, the royal forfeiture of ten pounds. The utmost that a private grantor could do was to pray his heirs or successors to maintain his charter. The introduction of an anathema into a private charter of the mid-twelfth century is a warning that the orderly development of common form may sometimes be interrupted by a reversion to very ancient habits of thought and expression.

The difference between the charter formulas of the twelfth and the thirteenth centuries has often been discussed in the preceding paragraphs. It is something more than a technicality of an obsolete system of law. It is an important social fact that in the thirteenth century a man's position in society is not reflected by the formulas of the charters which were issued in his name. This had not always been the case. At the middle of the previous century there had been little difference in style between the writ of the king and the charter of one of his greater tenants. Documents of either class then bore the form of a notification of certain facts or commands addressed in most cases to the persons whose duty it was to take cognisance of what was told them. Earls and greater barons, like the king, had commonly enjoined the observance of their charters in a clause opening with the words *Quare volo et firmiter precipio*. Their charters often close with the name of the place at which they were executed, in imitation of the dating clause of a royal writ. They certainly did not think it essential to promise a warranty of their grants. Long before the year 1200 the features appropriate to a royal writ had begun to disappear from the charters of even the greatest among the king's subjects. It might easily have been otherwise. Some of the features which have been described persisted in isolated survivals long into the thirteenth century. But the general submission of the greatest men in the land to the ruling of the king's justices upon the phraseology of a charter which is to be valid is one of the most remarkable results of the work of Henry II and the men who were trained in his court. In the thirteenth century, if a symbol or initial is substituted for the grantor's name, it will generally be impossible to guess his rank. William Lungespe was an earl and a king's son, but there is nothing in his charter to the nuns of Alvingham (no. 11) which might not have been written in the name of one of his tenants. And at the other end of the scale, there is nothing in the mere formulas of a grant to distinguish the charter of a free peasant from that of his lord. It is true that no man holding by

unfree tenure could alienate any portion of it by charter at all. For such a one there was only the procedure which began with a surrender into the lord's hand in the lord's court. But a free man holding by a free tenure, even if he is the humblest of peasants, will cast the record of a conveyance into the universal common form. He will promise warranty and authenticate his charter with his seal. If he often asserts that his grant is made with his lord's assent, it was wise for any tenant of whatever rank to consult his lord before he alienated any part of his fee. To the modern reader most private charters of the thirteenth century seem commonplace. He is tempted to regret the varied language, the unexpected forms of expression, which distinguish the draftsmanship of an earlier age. He may remember that the labours of many men went to achieve the commonplace that wearies him. For the victory of common form is, in the last resort, the victory of the king's judges, and of the king who stood behind them, over the forces of social division which were inherent in feudalism.

The earliest documents in the series which follow were written within a century of the Norman Conquest. It is not surprising that they include several fragments of Old English legal terminology. By far the most interesting of these is the occasional description of a piece of land as containing so many bovates or carucates *a utware*. Sixle priory received a carucate *a utware* in Sixle and five bovates *a utware* in Nettleton from William son of Hacon (*Sixle*, 1). Maurice de Craon gave to the same house a carucate *a utware* in West Wykeham (*Sixle*, 10). The estate of Lambert de Scoteni in Sixle comprised demesne reckoned at three bovates *a utware*, and two bovates *a utware* held by two tenants (*Sixle*, 14). *Utware* is one of a number of words connected with the Old English verb *werian*, 'to defend.' Land held *a utware* was land to be defended or answered for before the king's officers in the matter of public burdens. By far the most important of these burdens were the gelds, the royal taxes, of which the Danegeld was the chief. The phrase *a utware* in a twelfth century charter is equivalent to the phrase *ad geldum*, which recurs on every folio in the Domesday Survey. The description of a holding as five bovates *ad geldum* or *a utware* was not intended to indicate the number of real, arable, bovates which it contained. It merely meant that the land was assessed at that number of bovates to the Danegeld and similar taxes. The details of this assessment raise the most difficult problems encountered by the student of Domesday Book; they only arise incidentally in relation to a collection of charters. But the passages in charters which estimate land *a utware* are of great value in themselves as proving that the system of national taxation which originated before the Conquest was still maintained in Lincolnshire in the second half of the following century.

Another word derived from the same root is *warnoth*, which occurs in what may be called the foundation charter of Bullington priory. Simon son of William grants to the nuns whose house he

had founded all the land in Faldingworth which he held *in warnoth* of William Bechet's fee (*Bullington*, 1). The word is only found in northern documents, and is rarely used in them, but its meaning is plain. It denoted a form of rent which was exacted two-fold if a day in arrear, three-fold if two days in arrear, and so on indefinitely. Customs of this kind have a very ancient appearance. The word *warnoth* is itself of Old English origin, and it may be presumed that Simon son of William in respect to this land of Faldingworth was subject to conditions of tenure accepted by some pre-Conquest predecessor.

Enough has perhaps been said to show the bearing of these charters upon the medieval history of Lincolnshire. They also throw light on the dark period which preceded the middle ages themselves. In the ninth century the whole great region of which Lincolnshire is a part had been settled by the men of a Danish army. Traces of their settlement are to be observed in many scores of local names. It is less often remembered that they are also recorded in documents written when the events of Alfred's time had become a matter of ancient history. It may be well to indicate two lines of inquiry along which facts of value for the history of the ninth century may be sought in the charters of the twelfth and thirteenth.

In the first place, a very large number of Lincolnshire place-names end in the syllable *by*, originally an independent word of Danish origin meaning a village. The first part of such names generally consists of a Danish personal name, often, though happily not always, worn down into unintelligibility by generations of local usage. The men whose names are recorded in this way must have lived at some time during the two centuries between the Danish settlement and the Domesday Survey, but it is generally impossible to date them more closely. In two cases, twelfth century evidence suggests that the man who left his name to a Lincolnshire village lived not long after the settlement of the ninth century. The place-names Legsby and Cadeby are derived respectively from the Danish personal names Leggr and Kati. It cannot be a coincidence that a spot named Legeshou once existed within the territory of Legsby, and a spot named Katehou existed within the territory that once supported the lost village of South Cadeby (*Sixle*, 35, 50). The word *hou* represents the Old Norse *haugr*, a burial mound, and there is abundant evidence in northern sources to show that such a mound was generally called by the name of the person buried in it. It may safely be inferred that the original Leggr and Kati of Legsby and South Cadeby were buried in or under the mounds which afterwards came to bear their names. This in its turn implies that these men each lived in the heathen time. Mound burial would have been impossible after the conversion of the Danelaw, and the Scandinavian heathenry of the north presented little resistance to Christian influences. There is every reason to believe that Legsby and South Cadeby were both called after men who lived not later than the first half of the tenth century. These cases do not stand entirely by

themselves, nor is it antecedently probable that they are exceptional. There was once a place called Scalehau near Scawby (*Assoc. Archit. Soc. Reports* for 1854, p. 102), and the Danish personal name Skalli is the first element in each name. Cases like these are interesting in themselves, but they have a greater value for their bearing upon the history of the most obscure and most momentous phase of Lincolnshire history.

In the second place, Danish personal names continued to be used in Lincolnshire until the latter part of the thirteenth century. The number and variety of the names of this kind that are recorded in private charters finally settles one question of the first importance. It proves that the Danish influence in Lincolnshire was due, not to a few hundred leaders ruling a subject English population, but to the settlement of an entire army, comprising men of every rank. Nothing less than this is required to explain the intensely Scandinavian personal nomenclature of this region two hundred years and more after the first settlement. Many English names, it is true, are recorded in the charters that are printed here. The Danish names far outnumber them, and the English names themselves have sometimes assumed a new and strange form through their adoption by men among whom Danish habits of speech were still preserved. Jadric son of Frewin (*Alvingham*, 4) bore the Old English name Eadric, but the Danes of Lincolnshire turned Eadric into Jadric, just as their northern kinsmen converted the Old English Eoferwic into the Jorvik which has produced the modern York. There is no need to attempt a complete list of the Danish names which may be found in these charters. Their character may be gathered from such examples as Chetel (O.N. *Ketill*), Thore (O.N. *Thórir*), Toue (O.N. *Tófi*), Ulchil (O.N. *Úlfkell*), Agemund (O.N. *Qgmundr*), Kare (O.N. *Kári*), Rumphar (O.N. *Rúmfari*), Rolf (O.N. *Hrólfr*), Siwat (O.N. *Sighvatr*), Gunny (O.N. *Gunni*), and Arngrim (O.N. *Arngrímr*). There is an evident resemblance between these names and those which in an earlier age had been borne by the men who settled the villages of Lincolnshire. Charters of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries often prove the continued employment of the personal names which are recorded in local nomenclature. The Lincolnshire Ketsby, Thoresby, and Gunby near Burgh le Marsh, are derived from the personal names Ketill, Thorir, and Gunni. Kari is compounded in the Lincolnshire and Leicestershire Careby; and Qgmundr in the Nottinghamshire Egmanton and the Lancashire Amounderness. Yol the skinner, who held a toft in Glentworth in the reign of Henry II (*Catley*, 20), bore the Scandinavian personal name which is compounded in the name of Yawthorpe in Manley wapentake. These examples, to which many might be added, are enough to show the persistence in Lincolnshire of the ancient Danish personal names of the region. And this persistence more than anything else creates that sense of entering another country which is felt by anyone who after much reading of southern charters turns to the region beyond the Welland.

Sixle Priory

[1] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Willelmus filius Haconis et Thomas filius et heres eius et uxor Ediua in Christo ſ salutem . Notum sit vobis nos dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam totam terram nostram quam habuimus in Sixla videlicet unam carucatam a utware cum omnibus que ad [eam] pertinent in pratis pascuis et pasturis et terra arabili . et ecclesiam ipsius ville sanctimonialibus ibidem deo seruientibus Dedimus eciam eis locum molendini quem habuimus super aquam de Teuelsby . et duas bouatas terre in Wyflyngham cum prato quod ibidem habuimus cum pasturis et ceteris pertinenciis . Dedimus eciam eis quinque bouatas terre in Nettiltona a utteware cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in aquis et pratis et pascuis et molendinis et aliis rebus cum sexta parte ecclesie ipsius ville . que ad eandem terram pertinet Ipse vero sanctimoniales in hac terra . videlicet de quinque bovatis in Nettiltona . acquietabunt duas marcas que debentur heredibus Rocelini pro supradicta terra de Sixla ſ Hec omnia dedimus eis libera et quieta ab omni exaccione et seculari seruicio in perpetuam posessionem exceptis duabus supradictis marcis argenti Huius nostre donacionis testes sunt Episcopus Lincoln*iensis* Robertus secundus Rogerus de Amari cantor matris ecclesie Lincoln*iensis* Rocelin de Riggesby Robertus Foliot Robertus de Barcword Lambertus de Scoteni Radulfus filius Hacun.[1]

[2] Cuntis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Agnes filia Willelmi de Percy et heres ſ salutem Notum sit vobis omnibus quod ego Agnes vidua post obitum Jocelini sponsi mei concessi et dedi et hac carta mea confirmaui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam ius patronatus ecclesie sancte Elene de Ludforth et ipsam ecclesiam cum omnibus pertinenciis suis deo et beate Marie et conuentui monialium et canonicorum abbatie de Sixle ad sustentacionem eorum pro salute domini regis et mea et heredum meorum et anima Jocelini sponsi mei et animabus patris et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum Hanc vero elemosinam ego et heredes mei post me warantizabimus eis perpetuo contra omnes homines ut semper ad saluacionem animarum nostrarum prodesse possit . coram hiis testibus Galfrido de Percy Willelmo de Murers Teobaldo de Daltona Godewino [ ][1] Willelmo de Saleby Thoma de Saleby Willelmo de Daltona Radulfo filio Ketelli Radulfo de Midiltona Roberto filio Odonis Waltero de Skytbrok Henrico de Falchingham Eudone de Houtona Achardo capellano Ricardo decano de Tirint*ona* Radulfo persona de Heint*ona* Willelmo capellano de Wifl*yngham* Willelmo capellano de Ludforda

Sixle Priory

[1] To all the faithful of Christ, William son of Hacon and Thomas his son and heir and Ediva his wife send greeting in Christ. Be it known to you that we have given in perpetual alms all our land which we had in Sixle, namely one carucate, 'a utware,' with all things which belong to it in meadows, pastures, feedings, and arable land, and the church of that village, to the nuns serving God there. We have moreover given them the site of the mill which we had on the water of Tealby, and two bovates of land in North Willingham with the meadow that we had there with pastures and other appurtenances. We have moreover given them five bovates of land in Nettleton 'a utware' with all appurtenances in waters, meadows, pastures, mills, and other things, with a sixth part of the church of that village, which belongs to the same land. But from this land, namely from the five bovates in Nettleton, the nuns shall pay two marks which are due to the heirs of Roscelin for the aforesaid land of Sixle. All these things we have given them in perpetual possession free and quit from all earthly exaction and service save the two aforesaid marks of silver.[1] [*Circa 1150.*]

[1] This charter is repeated as no. 13. The variants are unimportant except that in line 13 of the Latin text, the second copy reads *de hac terra* instead of *in hac terra*. The former is certainly correct.

[2] To all the sons of holy mother church, Agnes daughter and heir of William de Percy sends greeting. Be it known to you all that I Agnes, as widow, after the death of Jocelin my husband, have granted and given and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms the right of patronage of the church of saint Helen of Ludford and the church itself with all its appurtenances to God and blessed Mary and the convent of the nuns and canons of the abbey of Sixle for their support, for the safety of the lord king and myself and my heirs, and for the soul of Jocelin my husband and the souls of my father and mother and all my ancestors. Moreover I and my heirs after me will warrant this alms to them for ever against all men, that it may always avail for the salvation of our souls. [*Late Henry II.*]

[1] The space of one word left vacant in the manuscript.

Alano persona de Capramonte Galfrido de Whytchale Thoma de Haint*ona* Willelmo filio eius Radulfo filio Guarini Ricardo filio eius Radulfo clerico de Hotham Waltero de Scoteney Roberto de Ormesby Henrico Mustel Alano filio Brieni de Wellet*ona* Willelmo de Wyflyngham.

[3] Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Robertus filius Roberti de Tegneg ⁊ salutem Notum sit uniuersitati vestre me concessisse dedisse et hac mea carta confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et canonicis et monialibus ecclesie beate Marie de Sixle ecclesiam sancti Thome de Leggesby et quicquid iuris in ea habui cum omnibus pertinenciis obuentionibus et libertatibus suis liberam et quietam imperpetuum de me et heredibus meis nulla parte aut reclamacione in ea michi vel heredibus meis retenta Hanc autem donacionem eis concessi et feci tam libere et quiete sicut aliqua elemosina liberius et melius potest dari viris religiosis pro animabus patris et matris mee et antecessorum meorum et amicorum et pro salute mea et heredum meorum quam donacionem ego et heredes mei manutenebimus et warantizabimus deo et prefato conuentui de Sexle erga omnes homines inperpetuum tanquam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram . Hiis testibus Willelmo decano de Keuermunt Roberto de Alneto Galfrido de Constentin Alano Malet Radulpho Tokard Ranulfo de Brekesard Radulpho la Abe Dionisio de Sixle Iuone de Ludford Alano filio suo.

[4] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Willelmus filius Rogeri de Tauelesby ⁊ salutem in domino Uniuersitati vestre innotescat me dedisse et hac mea carta confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam canonicis et monialibus de Sixle ecclesiam omnium sanctorum de Tauellesbury [*sic*] cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis libere et quiete habendam et tenendam sicut aliqua elemosina liberius et melius ad religionem dari potest Hanc vero elemosinam dedi eis pro anima patris mei et omnium antecessorum meorum et pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et heredum meorum viuorum et defunctorum Hanc eciam ego Willelmus et heredes mei donacionem warantizabimus erga omnes homines imperpetuum . Huius donacionis mee testes sunt Robertus capellanus de Wetewang Alredus persona de Ludforda Radulphus persona de Hayntona Alanus persona de Wyflyngham Landri persona de Wykham Radulphus clericus de Hotham Radulphus filius Warini de Hayntona Simon filius Radulphi Gocelinus filius Aelredi de Ludforda Alanus filius sacerdotis de Neut*ona* Radulphus abbas Andreas filius Radulphi de Hotham Thorstacius de Hotham Alexander filius Landri Ernis nepos Radulphi filii Warini Ricardus filius Radulphi abbatis de Hayntune Besing Willelmus Stabularius Albinus et multi alii

[5] Cuntis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Willelmus filius Goer ⁊ salutem in Christo . Quoniam in senectute positus finem meum imminere uideo cupiens prouidere saluti anime mee dedi sancti-

[3] To the whole body of the sons of holy mother church, Robert son of Robert 'de Tegneg' sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have granted, given, and by this my charter confirmed, in pure and perpetual alms, to God and the canons and nuns of the church of blessed Mary of Sixle, the church of saint Thomas of Legsby and whatever right I had in it with all its appurtenances, offerings, and liberties, free and quit from me and my heirs for ever, reserving to me or my heirs no part or claim in it. Moreover I have granted and made this gift to them as free and quit as any alms may most freely and best be given to religious men, for the souls of my father and my mother and my ancestors and friends, and for my safety and that of my heirs. And I and my heirs will maintain and warrant this gift to God and the aforesaid convent of Sixle against all men for ever as our pure and perpetual alms. [*Henry II.*]

[4] To all the faithful of Christ, William son of Roger of Tealby sends greeting in the Lord. Be it known to the whole body of you that I have given and by this my charter confirmed, in pure and perpetual alms, to the canons and nuns of Sixle the church of All Saints of Tealby with all its appurtenances and liberties, free and quit, to have and to hold as any alms may most freely and best be given to religion. Moreover I have given this alms to them for the soul of my father and the souls of all my ancestors and for the safety of my own soul and that of my wife and those of my heirs living and departed. Also I, William, and my heirs will warrant this gift against all men for ever. [*Late Henry II.*]

[5] To all sons of holy mother church William son of Goer sends greeting in Christ. Since I am set in old age I see my end approaching. Wishing to provide for the safety of my soul, I have

monialibus de Sixle quicquod [*sic*] iuris habui in ecclesia de Wyflyngham in perpetuam et liberam possessionem cum omnibus que ad eandem ecclesiam pertinent que de iure meo sint et mansuram unam Calumpniam vero que versabatur inter me et Matheum de Teuelesby de media parte ecclesie de Wyflyngham quam ipse clamabat ad ius suum pertinere sedata est . quia nichil quod ad feudum suum pertinet michi vel meis iniuste retinere volo . Verum eciam bonum est michi ut sanctimoniales de Sixle partem illam ecclesie quam ipse Matheus clamauit et eis dedit habeant imperpetuum sine aliqua reclamacione mei vel meorum Hoc totum feci pro salute anime mee et meorum ut retribucionem bonam merear a Christo domino in vitam eternam Cuius donacionis testes sunt Walterus abbas de Kyrkested Philippus abbas de Reuesby Radulphus abbas de Parco Lude Gilbertus abbas de Suinneshafd Willelmus de Bereuilla Walterus clericus de Hueiele Radulphus filius Haconis et filii eius Simon et Robertus Radulphus clericus de Hotham Willelmus de Insula Hamelinus decanus Aprinus sacerdos Hanc donacionem feci coram capitulo sancte matris ecclesie Lincoln*iensis* . manu mea posita in manu Dauid archidiaconi locum Roberti archidiaconi tenentis presente Hunfrido subdecano Rogero presentore Reginaldo simplici Rogero paruo Hamone cancellario Magistro Wigero Radulpho de Cham [*sic*] Magistro Silbardo et pluribus aliis rogans omnes ut huius mee donacionis testimonium perhiberent . Ipsi uero mee peticioni satisfacientes sigilli sui attestacione donacionem meam coroborauerunt.

[6] Sciant cunti sancte matris ecclesie filii quod ego Willelmus filius Mathei de Teuesleby [*sic*] cupiens prouidere saluti anime mee dedi assensu patris mei Mathei et matris mee Matilde et fratris mei Radulphi et hac carta mea confirmaui Christi ancillis deo deuote in Sixle seruientibus quicquid habui et nostri iuris est in ecclesia de Wyflyngham videlicet dimidiam partem ecclesie in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus que ad eandem ecclesiam pertinent nostro feudo adiacentibus Hoc totum feci pro me ipso et pro omnibus amicis meis viuis et defunctis et pro anima fratris mei Johannis defuncti ut omnium peccatorum suorum veniam possit habere in vitam eternam Amen Cuius donationis testes sunt Willelmus decanus de Cheu*ermond* Alanus sacerdos de Teuelesby Sixto [*sic*] sacerdos de Wyflyngham Radulfus clericus de Hothei et Goselinus frater eius Radulfus filius Warini de Heintona Radulfus abbot Ricardus filius Angeri Willelmus Wither Rompharus clericus Aluredus clericus Iuo de Ludforda Willelmus thortesmains.

[8[1]] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Thomas filius Willelmi et Agnes uxor eius[1] salutem Sciatis nos concessisse dedisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus nostris de Sixle in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam ecclesias de Saleby et Estrasyn cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et quicquid iuris in eis habuimus ad

given to the nuns of Sixle whatever right I had in the church of North Willingham in perpetual and free possession, with all things belonging to the same church which are of my right, and one toft. Moreover, the dispute which was in progress between me and Matthew of Tealby concerning the moiety of the church of Willingham, which he claimed to belong to his right, has been appeased, because I wish to keep nothing unjustly for me or mine which belongs to his fee. Truly also it is good to me that the nuns of Sixle, without claim of me or mine, should have for ever that part of the church which the same Matthew claimed and gave to them. All this I have done for the safety of my soul and the safety of my kinsfolk, that I may earn a good recompense from Christ the Lord in the life eternal [*witnesses*] I have made this gift in the presence of the chapter of the holy mother church of Lincoln, with my hand in the hand of David the archdeacon set in the place of Robert the archdeacon, in the presence of Humphrey the sub-dean [*and others*], asking all that they would offer witness of this my gift. They indeed granting my petition have confirmed my gift by the witness of their seal. [1156-1162.]

[6] Let all the sons of holy mother church know that I William son of Matthew of Tealby, wishing to provide for the safety of my soul have given, with the assent of my father Matthew and my mother Maud and my brother Ralf, and by this my charter have confirmed, to the handmaids of Christ serving God devoutly in Sixle, whatever I had and belongs to our right in the church of North Willingham, namely the half of the church, in free and perpetual alms, with all things appertaining to our fee which belong to the same church. All this I have done for myself, and for all my friends alive and dead, and for the soul of my dead brother John, that he may have pardon of all his sins in the life eternal. Amen. [*Henry II.*]

[8[1]] To all the faithful of Christ, Thomas son of William and Agnes his wife send greeting. Know that we have granted, given, and by the present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God, blessed Mary, and our nuns of Sixle, the churches of Saleby and East Rasen with all their appurtenances and whatever right we

sustentacionem tresdecem canonicorum qui [in] ecclesia beate Marie de Sixle deo et predictis sanctimonialibus perpetuis temporibus ministrabunt pro salute nostra et omnium nostrorum et pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum . Et hanc donacionem nostram warantizabimus eis contra omnes homines et heredes nostri post nos imperpetuum Hiis testibus Rogero capellano de Sixle Willelmo capellano de Wyflyngham Serlone capellano Radulpho persona de Hayntona Radulfo de Hotham Radulpho filio Warini de Hayntune Waltero clerico de Witgale Alexandro de Boleseby Waltero et Radulpho filiis Walteri de Scotenei Ricardo filio Dradulphi [*sic*] filii Warini et aliis multis.

[9] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Hugo de Baiocis salutem Uniuersitati vestre innotescat me concessisse dedisse et hac mea carta confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et beate Marie et canonicis et monialibus de Sixle ibidem deo famulantibus ecclesiam beati Petri de Kateby cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis . libere et quiete et intigre [*sic*] sicut aliqua elemosina liberius melius et plenius dari potest ad eorum sustentacionem Et sciendum quod tunc eis contuli hanc meam elemosinam quando predictus conuentus sucepit Geue uxorem meam ac eam in capitulo suo honorifice sepeliuit pro anima sua et pro salute mea et omnium amicorum meorum . Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus prefatam elemosinam pretaxto conuentui erga omnes homines inperpetuum ! Hiis testibus . Radulfo decano Lincoln*iensi* Pagano Ada canonicis Linc*olniensibus* Clemente decano Willelmo capellano de Wyflyngham Radulfo clerico de Hayntune Alano persona de Wiuilligham Roberto decano de Rothewella Galfrido de Wytkale Landrico clerico Radulfo de Hotham Lamberto de Scoteni Thoma filio Willelmi Roberto de Ormesby Ranulpho de Witkale Eliseo de Albeni Rogero Musteilla Willelmo filio Mathei Jordano Rat Philippo Rabot Ada de Rothewella Ace de Sainliz et Willelmo filio suo Thoma de Goldingt*ona* Willelmo de Parys Edmundo monetario Osb*erto* filio Torg*er* Domina Roeisa comitissa de Bedford.

[10] Notum sit cuntis Christi fidelibus quod ego Mauricius de Crun dedi in perpetuam elemosinum sanctimonialibus et fratribus de Sixle totam terram quam Alicia amita mea habuit de feodo meo in Wikham et in Ludfortha videlicet in Wykham unam carucatam terre a utware et duas bouatas in Ludfortha cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in terris aquis et pratis et molendinis et bruera et in pasturis cum dimidia parte monasterii de Wikham Hec omnia dedi eis libera et quieta ab omni exaccione et seruicio seculari sicut aliqua elemosina liberius dari potest . Hanc autem donacionem feci supradictis sanctimonialibus in manu venerabilis patris nostri Roberti episcopi Lincoln*iensis* in castello de Eslaford Hiis testibus Warino abbate de Valle Dei Gilberto de Sepyngham et fratre Alexandro de Pochintun Wlfrico sacerdote de Brunum Thoma sacerdote de Rauceby Baldwino filio Gilberti de Brunum Radulfo

had in them, for the support of thirteen canons who shall for ever serve God and the said nuns in the church of blessed Mary of Sixle, for the safety of ourselves and of all our kin and for the souls of our ancestors. And we and our heirs after us for ever will warrant this gift to them against all men. [*Henry II.*]

[1] No. 7 is duplicated below as no. 24.

[9] To all the faithful of Christ, Hugh de Bayeux sends greeting. Be it known to the whole body of you that I have granted, given, and by this my charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the canons and nuns of Sixle serving God there, for their support, the church of blessed Peter of Cadeby,[1] with all its appurtenances and liberties, freely and quietly and completely, as any alms may most freely, best, and most fully be given. And know that I gave this alms to them at that time when the said convent received Geve my wife and buried her honourably in their chapter, for her soul and for the safety of myself and of all my friends. And I and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid alms to the aforementioned convent against all men for ever. [*Henry II.*]

1 Near Gayton le Wold, now depopulated.

[10] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ that I, Maurice de Crun, have given in perpetual alms to the nuns and brethren of Sixle all the land which Alice my aunt had of my fee in Wykeham and Ludford, namely one carucate 'a utware' in Wykeham and two bovates in Ludforth, with all their appurtenances in lands, waters, meadows, mills, and waste, and in feedings, with a half of the minster of Wykeham. All these things I have given to them free and quit of all exaction and worldly service, as any alms may most freely be given. Moreover I have made this gift to the aforesaid nuns in the hand of our venerable father Robert bishop of Lincoln in the castle of Sleaford. [*Circa 1150-1160.*]

de la Haia Willelmo filio Hacun Osberto de Bodeby Osberto de Sumertby Radulpho de Ropesley Roberto de Limeniun cum multis aliis Radulfo de Aencourt Gaufrido sacerdote de Bodeby Ricardo sacerdote de Scapwik Aluredo filio Alexandri et Gerardo fratre suo Radulpho cellarario de Kyrkested Willelmo filio Alardi Roberto filio Willelmi Guse de Buttirwic Thoma sacerdote de Rischintuna Aelrico sacerdote de Stowe Waltero de Pasci Brienno de Pochintune.

[11] Notum sit cuntis Christi fidelibus quod ego Supir de Baiocis assensu et concensu heredum meorum dedi sanctimonialibus que deo seruiunt in Sixle in perpetuam elemosinam quicquid habui in ecclesia de parua Wikham cum tofto et ceteris rebus scilicet in terris pratis et pascuis et aquis Et ut anime mee uberius proficiat superaddi quinque acras terre que vocantur Warlant Et deinde consilio proborum virorum ac amicorum meorum concessi et dedi predictis sanctimonialibus totam terram huiusmodi que warlant vocatur scilicet in territorio Hestwykam de eodem feudo cuius sunt prenominate quinque acre Et hoc in presencia canonicorum hospitalis Lincoln*iensis* et fratrum eiusdem domus et Willelmi clerici Hugonis de Baiocis et Radulfi Wilain Et ne quis eas fatigare vel inquietare presumat hanc libertatem donacionis mee scripto meo confirmaui ut libere teneant sicut aliqua elemosina liberius a fidelibus tenetur Hanc autem donacionem fecit [*sic*] in sancta matre ecclesia Lincoln*iensi* in communi sinodo in manu Roberti archidiaconi pro salute anime mee et meorum viuorum scilicet et mortuorum presentibus multis et audientibus Umfrido scilicet subdecano Hamone cancellario Magistro Rainaldo simplici Wigero Magistro Rogero paruo Rogero fratre archidiaconi Hamelino decano Roberto del Alnai Willelmo de Keuermunt Ricardo Scrop Radulfo filio Haconis cum duobus filiis suis. Gilberto de Nouilla Thoma filio Willelmi Hac*onis* Alexandro de Bleseby cum Alano fratre eius Radulfo clerico de Hotham cum multis aliis.

[12] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Thomas filius Willelmi et Agnes uxor eius salutem Sciatis nos concessisse dedisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Sixle et earum fratribus canonicis et laicis in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesiam de Saleby cum pertinenciis suis et quicquid iuris in eis habuimus de consensu Willelmi filii nostri libere et quiete ad sustentacionem tresdecim canonicorum qui in ecclesia beate Marie de Sixle deo et predictis sanctimonialibus perpetuis temporibus ministrabunt pro salute nostra et omnium nostrorum et pro animabus antecessorum nostrorum Et hanc nostram donacionem warantizabimus eis contra omnes homines et heredes nostri post nos imperpetuum Hiis testibus Rogero capellano de Sixle Willelmo capellano de Wyuelyngham Serlone capellano Radulfo persona de Haintune Radulfo de Hotham Radulpho de Hayntona Waltero clerico de Witgale Alexandro de Blesby Waltero et Radulfo filiis Walteri de Scoteni

[11] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ that I, Supir de Bayeux, with the assent and consent of my heirs have given in perpetual alms to the nuns who serve God in Sixle whatever I had in the church of Little Wykeham with a toft and other things, namely in lands, meadows, pastures, and waters, and that it may more richly profit my soul I have added five acres of land which are called 'warlant.' And further, with the counsel of honest men and that of my friends I have granted and given to the aforesaid nuns all the land of that sort which is called 'warlant' in the territory of East Wykeham of the same fee as are the aforenamed five acres. And I have done this in the presence of the brethren of the hospital of Lincoln and in the presence of William the clerk of Hugh de Bayeux, and Ralf Wilain. And lest anyone should dare to vex or disturb the nuns, I have confirmed the freedom of this my gift with my writing, that they may hold as freely as any alms is most freely held by the faithful. Moreover I have made this gift in the common synod in the holy mother church of Lincoln in the hand of Robert the archdeacon, in the presence and hearing of many, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my kin alive and dead. [*Before 1162, probably circa 1155.*]

[12] To all the faithful of Christ Thomas son of William and Agnes his wife send greeting. Know that with the consent of William our son we have granted, given, and by the present charter confirmed, in perpetual alms, to God, blessed Mary, and the nuns of Sixle, and their brethren, canons and lay, the church of Saleby with its appurtenances and whatever right we had in it, free and quit for the support of thirteen canons who shall for ever serve God and the said nuns in the church of blessed Mary of Sixle, for the safety of ourselves and of all our kin, and for the souls of our ancestors. And we and our heirs after us for ever will warrant this gift to them against all men. [*Henry II.*]

Ricardo filio Radulfi filii Warini Gilberto de Osgotheby Iuone filio Gilberti Roberto de Henerle.

[14[1]] Cuntis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Lambertus de Scotenei salutem Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Sixle et sanctimonialibus et fratribus earum clericis et laicis ibidem deo seruientibus totum demenium meum in Sixle scilicet tres bouatas terre a utware cum toftis et croftis et omnibus pertinenciis infra villam et extra [*et*] totam partem terre mee et nemoris mei de Kinethorpa quod uocatur Stort liberas et quietas ab omni seculari seruicio Preterea ego Lambertus dedi et concessi deo et conuentui predicte ecclesie de Sixle duas bouatas terre in Sixle a utware cum croftis et omnibus pertinenciis infra villam et extra et homagium duorum hominum ibidem comorancium Willelmi scilicet et Yuonis fratris eius et heredum eorum et quicquid habui in eadem villa et totam partem terre mee et nemoris in territorio de Kinethorpa quod vocatur Michelhage libere et quiete ab omni exaccione et seruicio in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Concessi eciam eis ut nemus utrumque scilicet Stort et Michelhage includant vel per fossatum vel per sepem et quicquid eis libuerit inde faciant Hanc vero donacionem feci eis et confirmacionem pro animabus patris et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum et pro mea meorumque salute et warantizabo eis et heredes mei post me erga omnes homines de omnibus seruiciis et consuetudinibus et exaccionibus imperpetuum Necnon vero concessi eis et hac carta confirmaui excambium illud quod ipsi fratres de Markeby fecerunt de una parcata terre ante hostium barcarie eorum scilicet fratrum de Sixle ut eadem terra sit eorum possessio de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum Hiis testibus . Roberto del Aunei Galfrido de Witkale Radulfo clerico de Heintona Radulfo clerico de Hotham Hugone de Scotenei Simone de Grimkelthorpa Alexandro de Bleseby Willelmo filio Mathei de Teuelesby Willelmo filio Rogeri de Teuelesby Hamone les Kanceis Hugone Malet de Lindewode et Gilberto fratre eius Radulfo le abbe de Heintune Henrico de Wyfl*yngham* Derchen de Wyflyngham Augustino de Wicham Acca famulo Alberti Grelle.

[15] Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Jocelinus frater regine salutem Sciatis quod assensu et voluntate domini regis et concessu uxoris mee Agnetis de Perci et heredum meorum concessi et dimisi et hac carta mea confirmaui sanctimonialibus de Sixle et earum fratribus canonicis et conuersis in perpetuam feudi firmam totum manerium meum de Ludforda cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et quicquid ibidem iuris habebam infra villam et extra tam in redditu quam in hominibus et in omnibus ceteris rebus plene et integre et honorifice et sine omni occasione et placito sicut liberum et demenium manerium meum quod dominus rex michi dedit pro seruicio meo quando predictam Agnetem michi in uxorem dedit nullo iure michi vel heredibus meis inde retento preter seruicia et

[14[1]] To all the sons of holy mother church Lambert de Scoteni sends greeting. Know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the church of blessed Mary of Sixle and the nuns and their brethren, canons and lay, serving God there, all my demesne in Sixle, namely three bovates of land 'a utware' with tofts, crofts, and all appurtenances within the village and without, and all my land and grove of Kingthorpe which is called Stort, free and quit from all earthly service. Moreover I, Lambert, have given and granted to God and the convent of the aforesaid church of Sixle two bovates of land in Sixle 'a utware' with crofts and all appurtenances within the village and without, and the homage of two men dwelling there, namely William and Ivo his brother, and the homage of their heirs, and whatever I had in the same village, and all my land and grove called Michelhage in the territory of Kingthorpe free and quit from all exaction and service in pure and perpetual alms. I have also granted to them that they may enclose both the grove of Stort and that of Michelhage either by a ditch or a hedge, and do therewith what pleases them. Moreover I have made them this gift and confirmation for the souls of my father, my mother and all my ancestors, and for my own safety and that of my kin, and I and my heirs will warrant it to them from all services, customs, and exactions, against all men for ever. Moreover I have granted and confirmed to them in this charter the exchange which the brethren of Markby made of one rood of land before the gate of the sheepfold of the brethren of Sixle that the same land may be their possession held of me and my heirs for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[1] No 13 is a duplicate of no. 1 (see p. 1).

[15] To the whole body of the sons of holy mother church, Jocelin the queen's brother sends greeting. Know that with the assent and will of the lord king and with the consent of my wife Agnes de Perci and of my heirs I have granted, dimised, and by this my present charter confirmed to the nuns of Sixle and their brethren, canons and lay brothers, in perpetual fee farm all my manor of Ludford with all its appurtenances, and whatever right I had there within the village and without, as well in rent as in men and in all other things, fully, completely, and honourably, and free from all suit and plea, even as my free and demesne manor which the lord king gave me for my service at the time when he gave me the aforesaid Agnes to wife; reserving no right to me or my heirs except the

tenementa militum meorum que ipsi tenent in eadem villa et preter duodecim libras argenti quas michi et heredibus meis annuatim persoluant in Ludforda sine malo ingenio scilicet vi libras ad pentecosten et vi libras ad festum Sancti Martini per hominem mittendo quem ego et uxor mea et heredes mei ad hoc assignauerimus cum litterarum nostrarum mandato . Concessi eciam eis Ricardum filium Ulf cum heredibus suis et cum tenemento eius libere et quiete infra predictam feudi firmam Et hec omnia warantizabo eis libere et quiete erga dominum regem et erga omnes homines et heredes mei post me imperpetuum pro predictis duodecim libris annuis de omnibus secularibus seruiciis et auxiliis et consuetudinibus et exaccionibus et de omnibus rebus Pro concessione huius rei warantizande . et confirmacione dedit conuentus predicti loci de Sixle michi et uxori mee centum libras argenti in die qua hanc cartam receperunt quas ego ab eis suscepi Jeresolimam profecturus ad sumptus itineris mei Hec omnia affidaui in manu Thome filii Willelmi fideliter et absque malo ingenio eis tenenda a me et heredibus meis imperpetuum Hoc ipsum affidaverunt precepto meo Ernulfus presbiter de Petteworthe Radulphus filius meus et Jocelinus nepos meus et Willelmus Hauteriue et Simon de Wauro Galfridus de Perci senescallus meus Willelmus clericus meus Walterus clericus de Horkestou' Robertus filius Roberti Willelmus de Murrers Ricardus de Galmytune coram hiis testibus Roberto de Hospitali Galfrido de Witkale Alano de Keuermut Landrico clerico Willelmo et Ricardo capellanis de Wyflyngham Radulfo de Hotham Thoma filio Willelmi Simone filio Radulfi Willelmo de Atune Lamberto de Scotenei et Waltero fratre eius Willelmo de Baiocis Hugone Malet Rogero Musteile Thoma de Beseby Alano de Malberthorpa Roberto filio Radulfi Hugone de Scoteni Radulfo clerico de Heintune Alanò de Welletune Galfrido albo Willelmo de Perci Roberto filio presbeteri [*sic*] de Kailesthorpa Osberto de Lincolnia Willelmo de Parys.

[16] Notum sit cuntis Christi fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus quod ego Robertus filius Roberti assensu uxoris mee Emme et heredum meorum concessi et dimisi imperpetuum ecclesie Sancte Marie de Sixle et omni conuentui ibidem deo seruienti villam de Leggesby totam et integram cum omnibus pertinenciis que infra quatuor diuisas eiusdem ville continentur sine aliquo retenemento . Tenendam de me et de heredibus meis in feudifirmam per quatuor libras michi vel heredibus meis annuatim reddendo quadraginta solidos ad festum sancti Michaelis[1] et predictus conuentus faciet forinsecum seruicium dimidii militis per nummos suos michi vel heredibus meis . salva comuni [*sic*] pastura sicut fuit inter Hotham et Leggesby Hanc vero firmam prenominatam et seruicium predictum ego vel heredes mei vel aliquis ex precepto nostro in cenobio de Sixle terminis predictis suscipiemus sicut ante promissum est Et sciendum quod ego Robertus et heredes mei hoc feudum et tenementum warantizabimus predicto cenobio contra omnes homines

services and tenements of my knights which they hold in the same village, and twelve pounds of silver which the nuns shall pay to me and my heirs yearly in Ludford without guile, namely six pounds at Whitsuntide and six pounds at the feast of saint Martin sending them by the man whom I and my wife and my heirs shall assign for this purpose by the appointment of our letters. Moreover I have granted to them Richard son of Ulf with his heirs and with his tenement free and quit within the aforesaid fee farm.' And I and my heirs after me for ever will warrant to them all these things freely and quietly, for the aforesaid twelve pounds yearly, against the king and against all men from all services, aids, customs, and exactions, and from all things. For the grant and confirmation of the warranty hereof the convent of the aforesaid place of Sixle on the day in which they received this charter have given to me and my wife a hundred pounds of silver which I received from them as I was about to set out for Jerusalem for the expenses of my journey. I have pledged my faith in the hand of Thomas son of William that all these things shall be secured to the nuns by me and my heirs faithfully and without deceit for ever. At my command Ernulf the priest of Petworth, Ralf my son, Jocelin my grandson, William Hauterive, Simon de Wauro, Geoffrey de Perci my steward, William my clerk, Walter clerk of Horkstow, Robert son of William de Murrers, and Richard of Ganton have pledged their faith to this in the presence of these witnesses. [*Henry II.*]

[16] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ as well future as present that I Robert son of Robert with the assent of my wife Emma and of my heirs have granted and dimised for ever to the church of saint Mary of Sixle and the whole convent serving God there, the village of Legsby whole and entire with all its appurtenances which are contained within the four boundaries of the same village without any exception; to hold of me and my heirs in fee farm rendering four pounds annually to me and my heirs, forty shillings at the feast of saint Michael[1] . . . and the aforesaid convent shall do the forinsec service of half a knight through their pence to me and my heirs; I reserving the common pasture as it was between Holtham and Legsby. Moreover I or my heirs or another at our command shall receive this aforenamed rent and aforesaid service in the monastery of Sixle at the aforesaid terms as is premised. And be it known that I Robert and my heirs will warrant this fee

propter firmam et seruicium sicut in presenti carta continetur . Huius rei testes sunt . Magister Malger Radulfus de Hotham Alanus sacerdos Stephanus de Kill' Marmanduc de Ar' Godefridus de Hap' Willelmus filius Rogeri Thoma filius Radulfi Robertus filius Walteri de Perci Ricardo [*sic*] filius Roberti Hugo nobilis Humfrei de Welle*tona* Anstrit[2] de Harp' Ricardus filius Stephani Hugo filius Alani Robertus et Torst*anus* fratres eius Galfridus filius Roberti Thomas de Killing' Rumi de Pocling*tona* Torst*anus* de Hotham et Radulfus frater eius Rogero [*sic*] filius Pagani.

[17] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris uel audituris Simon filius Philippi de Kyma salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam Radulfum filium Walteri de Helpngham [*sic*] natiuum meum cum catallis et tota sequela sua cum decem et sex acris terre et cum toto[1] quo idem Radulfus manet Et Robertum carecanum[2] natiuum meum cum catallis et tota sequela sua cum una bouata terre et terre [*sic*] cum uno tofto in quo idem Robertus manet . Et Galfridum Faukes natiuum meum cum catallis et tota sequela sua cum una bouata terre et uno tofto in Helpringham in quo idem Galfridus manet Et totam terram meam quam habui infra quatuor diuisas de Keuermund cum pertinenciis cum dominico manso meo in eadem villa et quicquid habui tam in liberis quam in villagiis [*sic*] et in omnibus aliis seruiciis redditibus releuiis wardis sectis et escaetis in villa de Keuermund Haben*dum* et tenend*um* eidem conuentui libere quiete et pacifice sicut aliqua elemosina melius uel liberius haberi vel teneri poterit ab aliquibus viris religiosis imperpetuum . Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus omnia predicta sicut predictum est predicto conuentui de Sixilla sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram de omnibus contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et ad cuius [*sic*] rei perpetuam stabilitatem presentem cartam sigillo meo corroboraui Hiis testibus domino Rollano de Neuilla domino Normanno Darcy domino Philippo Chauncy domino Willelmo de Alneto domino Radulfo de Berkewarda magistro Nicholao de Spond*ona* persona de Bynbroke Roberto de Baiocis de Teuelby Johanne de Claxby Alano clerico de Wiulingham Willelmo de Crostese Reynero de Sotby Ricardo Tuschet de Hayntona Ricardo filio Thome de eadem Henrico filio Willelmi de Ludforda .

[18] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris magister Odo de Kilkenni[1] salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me diuine pietatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam dominicum mansum meum in Howtona cum edificiis in eodem sitis et omnes terras

and tenement to the aforesaid monastery against all men in virtue of the rent and service, as is contained in the present charter. [*Henry II.*]

[1] There is an omission in the enrollment.
[2] The precise reading of this name is uncertain.

[17] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear this present charter Simon son of Philip of Kyme sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors and successors I have granted, given, and by this present charter confirmed in free, pure, and perpetual alms to God, and blessed Mary, and the convent of Sixle, Ralf son of Walter of Helpringham, my born serf, with his chattles, and with his issue, with sixteen acres of land and with a toft in which the same Ralf lives ; and Robert the ploughman, my born serf, with his chattles and all his issue, and one bovate of land and a toft in which the same Robert lives ; and Geoffrey Faukes, my born serf, with his chattles and all his issue, with one bovate of land and a toft in Helpringham in which the same Geoffrey lives. And all my land which I had within the four boundaries of Kirmond with its appurtenances, with my demesne dwelling in the same village and whatever I had as well in free men as in villein land, and in all other services, rents, reliefs, wards, suits, and escheats in the village of Kirmond. To have and to hold to the same convent, freely, quietly, and peaceably, as any alms may best be had or held by any religious men for ever. And I and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend all the aforesaid things as is aforesaid to the aforesaid convent of Sixle against all men for ever as our free, pure, and perpetual alms. And for the perpetual security of this charter I have confirmed it with my seal. [*Early Henry III.*]

[1] Rectius *tofto*.
[2] *Sic*, for *carecarium* or possibly *caretarium*, 'carter.'

[18] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear this present charter master Odo of Kilkenny sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that out of respect for divine piety, for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors and successors, I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed, in free and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle, my demesne dwelling in Holton with the buildings

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Alani de Wyfl*ingham* Rogero filio Willel
de eadem villa.

[19] Omnibus Christi fidelibus pre
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pro salute anime mee antecessorum
concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta
beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla in lib
elemosinam homagia redditus et seruicia
Andreas filius Gilberti le Bretun de Barke
de Wyflyngham liberi homines mei michi f
pro omnimodis tenementis quod de me t
quatuor diuisas de Est Warkborda [*sic*]
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Andrea filio Gilberti le Bretun redditum
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Estbarkeworda natiuos meos cum catallis
cum duobus toftis et duabus bouatis terre

situated in the same, and all lands, rents, and tenements, and all meadows, and all tofts and crofts, and all manner of rights that I had at any time in any way in the villages and within the four boundaries of Holton and Bekering without any reservation, with my windmill standing in the territory of Holton; namely those lands which I had by the gift of John son of Reiner of Holton, and by the gift of Alice mother of the same John, and by the gift of Thomas Mustel the younger of West Torrington, and by the gift of Walter North of Holton, and by the gift of Ralf 'Swetbytheban' of the same, and by the gift of Gilbert son of John of Beckering, and by the gift of Bartholomew son of Richard of Holton, or of whatsoever gift or sale they may be, reserving nothing to me or my heirs. To have and to hold to the same convent of Sixle freely, quietly, and peaceably, and completely, with all appurtenances, easements, liberties, and free commons pertaining to all that is aforesaid within the village and without, doing thence for all things to the lords of the fees those things which are due from them by right. I have also conveyed to the same convent all the charters of the aforenamed persons together with this my present charter, and the indenture made in the court of the lord king, so that when it is necessary the aforenamed people and their heirs shall make the warranty to the convent which they should have made to me or my heirs. And that this my gift may remain stable and unshaken for ever, I have delivered this present charter, strengthened by the impression of my seal, to the same convent in perpetual witness thereof. [*Circa 1250.*]

[1] *Sic*: possibly for *iunioris*.

[19] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear this present charter, Beatrice de Verli sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors and successors I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed in free, pure, and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle the homages, rents, and services that Hugh de Hollewell, Andrew son of Gilbert the Breton of Barkwith, and Robert Mustell of Willingham my free men were wont and ought to do to me for all manner of tenements which they held of me in the village and within the four boundaries of East Barkwith, with all appurtenances; namely from Hugh de Hollewell a rent of forty pence, from Andrew son of Gilbert the Breton a rent of ten shillings, and from Robert Mustell of Willingham a rent of one pound of cummin, with all other services due from the same to me in any manner from any cause at any time, reserving no right therefrom to me and my heirs, saving nevertheless to me and my heirs the advowson of the church of Barkwith. Moreover I have given, granted, and confirmed in this my present charter to the aforesaid convent of Sixle in free, pure, and perpetual alms, Walter East and John Thorns of East Barkwith my born serfs with their chattels and

me tenuerunt in villa et in territorio de Barkeword Habend*um* et tenend*um* predicto conuentui de Sixilla libere quiete integre bene et in pace sicut aliqua elemosina melius uel liberius haberi vel teneri potest in [*sic*] aliquibus viris religiosis imperpetuum Et ego Beatrix et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus omnia predicta ut predictum est predicto conuentui de Sixilla sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam de omnibus contra omnes imperpetuum In cuius rei testimonium presentem cartam sigillo meo corroboraui . Hiis testibus domino Reginaldo de Jerpeluiul [*sic*] domino Roberto persona de West Barkworda Willelmo de Blesyby Reynero de Sotteby Willelmo de Benyngworda Radulfo de Hawlay de Houtona Philippo de Merle de Sunthorpa Thoma Mustell de Tyryngtona Ricardo filio Thome de Hayntona.

[20] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Thomas filius Willelmi filii Haconis[?] salutem Sciatis me pro amore dei et pro salute mea et amicorum meorum viuorum et mortuorum concessisse dedisse et hac mea carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui monialium canonicorum et fratrum de Sixilla ibidem deo famulancium in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quatuor bouatas terre et dimidiam bouatam terre in territorio de Hayntona cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinenciis suis Videlicet illas duas bouatas terre quas Odo prisbiter [*sic*] tenuit . et illam bouatam terre que fuit Goduini Gulesuell' Et ad faciendam quartam bouatam terre dedi prefato conuentui undecim acras terre quas Toraldus Wamnall' tenuit quarum decem acre et dimidia acra iacent deuers le est de Hayntune et dimidia acra del west de Hayntona et de meo demenio dedi eis deuers le est de Hayntona nouem acras terre Dedi etiam eis illam dimidiam bouatam terre que fuit Angeri coci . Hec omnia concessi et dedi prefato conuentui libera et quieta ab omni seruitio seculari et exaccione in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . Et ego et heredes mei manutenebimus et warantizabimus plenarie et integre prefato conuentui hanc elemosinam nostram imperpetuum erga omnes homines et acquietabimus de omni re Hiis testibus Johanne et Benedicto de Tauelsby Rogero capellano de Sixilla Willelmo capellano de Wiuillingham Jocio magistro de Ludforda Alano persona de Cheuermont Simone capellano domini Thome Rogero le de Spenser [*sic*].

[21] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Thomas de Scoteney filius Willelmi filius Rogeri[?] salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me diuine pietatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla in perpetuam elemosinam totam terram meam arabilem et pratum in dominicis et in seruiciis quam habui infra quatuor diuisas de Westwykham cum omnibus pertinenciis excepto seruicio unius tofti et duarum bouatarum quam Ricardus clericus de Binbroka et Auicia uxor eius et heredes eiusdem Auicie de me

with all their issues, with two tofts and two bovates of land with appurtenances which they held of me in the village and territory of Barkwith. To have and to hold to the aforesaid convent of Sixle freely, quietly, completely, well, and in peace, as freely as any alms may best and most freely be had or held in any manner by religious men for ever. And I Beatrice and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend all the aforesaid things as is aforesaid from everything against all men for ever as free, pure, and perpetual alms. In witness whereof I have confirmed the present charter with my seal. [*Circa 1220.*]

[20] To all the faithful of Christ Thomas son of William son of Hacon sends greeting. Know that for the love of God and the safety of myself and of my friends alive and dead I have granted, given, and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the convent of nuns canons and brethren of Sixle, serving God there, four and a half bovates of land in the territory of Hainton with all their liberties and appurtenances, namely those two bovates of land which Odo the priest held, and that bovate of land which was Godwin Gulesuell's, and to make up the fourth bovate of land I have given to the aforesaid convent eleven acres of land which Thorald Wamnall held, of which ten acres and a half lie towards the east of Hainton, and a half acre to the west of Hainton, and I have given them nine acres of land from my demesne to the east of Hainton. Moreover, I have given them that half bovate of land which was Anger the cook's. All these things I have granted and given to the aforesaid convent free and quit from all worldly service and exaction in pure and perpetual alms. And I and my heirs will maintain and warrant this our alms to the aforesaid convent fully and completely against all men for ever, and we will acquit it from everything. [*Henry II.*]

[21] To all the sons of holy mother Church present and future, Thomas de Scoteni son of William son of Roger sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that out of respect for divine piety for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors and successors I have granted and by this my present charter confirmed in perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle, all my arable land and meadow, in demesne and in service, which I had within the four boundaries of West Wykeham, with all appurtenances, except the service of one toft and two bovates which Richard the clerk of Binbrook and Avice his wife and the heirs of the same

tenent et tenere debent Habendam et tenendam eidem conuentui libere et pacifice in croftis et toftis in viis et semitis pratis et pasturis aquis et molendinis et omnibus aliis aisiamentis infra villam et extra sicut aliqua elemosina melius uel liberius haberi et teneri potest ab aliquibus viris religiosis imperpetuum Reddendo inde michi et heredibus meis annuatim dimidiam marcam argenti scilicet medietatem ad Pentecosten et medietatem ad festum sancti Martini pro omnibus que accidere poterunt Et ego Thomas et heredes mei warantizabimus et defendemus et de omnibus acquietabimus eidem conuentui totam predictam terram cum omnibus pertinenciis contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et si forte contigeret quod predictus conuentus aliquo tempore aliquid alicui pro predicta terra pro defectu mei uel heredum meorum coacti persoluerint id michi uel heredibus meis in proximis terminis predicte dimidie marce soluende computabitur . Et ut donum meum istud semper stabile permaneat hanc presentem cartam meam sigilli mei munimine dignum duxi coroborandam Hiis testibus Galfrido tunc priore de Markeby Thoma tunc priore de Irforda Galfrido vicario de Estwikham Ricardo vicario de Kateby Hamelino vicario de Ludforda Radulfo vicario de Westwykham Thoma persona de Parua Ludforda Waltero de Kyllyngholm milite Superio de Baiocis Roberto Brettiuilla [*sic*] Simone de Grimpelthorpa Roberto de Hotham Roberto de Baiocis de Teuelby Willelmo de Bleseby Willelmo filio Gyneri de Rasyn Alano clerico de Wyfl*ingham* Willelmo abbate de Hayntona Ricardo filio Thome de Hayntona Hugone de Burg Willelmo filio Alani de eadem Roberto filio Alicie de Estwykham Willelmo filio Lews de Ludford Willelmo fllio Derkyn de Wyfl*ingham* ·Waltero Wyles Alano filio Eudonis.

[22] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris uel audituris Ricardus filius Henrici de Offingtona salutem Nouerit universitas vestra[1] concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla ad perpetuam feodi firmam totam terram et totum tenementum que habui in villa et infra quatuor diuisas de Bynbroka tam in dominicis quam in seruiciis libere tenencium et villenagiis cum omnibus villanis et eorum sectis et catallis . Et seruicium et homagium domini Johannis de Sauntona et heredum suorum scilicet seruicium dimidii feodi unius militis quod de me tenuit in eadem villa et totam illam partem quam habui in molendino de Bynbroka Et totum seruicium et redditum que habui in Wargholm cum omnibus pertinenciis tam scilicet in reliuis [*sic*] wardis sectis et excaetis quam in omnibus aliis seruiciis dictis terre tenemento et redditui adiacentibus cum omnibus aliis aisiamentis libertatibus liberis communibus in pratis pascuis et pasturis in aquis viis et semitis infra villam et extra sine aliquo retenemento Habend*um* et tenend*um* eidem conuentui libere quiete et pacifice imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis octo libras et dimidiam marcam argenti ad quatuor anni terminos videlicet ad Natale domini quadraginta solidos

Avice hold and ought to hold of me. To have and to hold to the same convent freely and peaceably, in crofts and tofts, in ways and paths, meadows and feedings, waters and mills, and in all other easements within the village and without as any alms may best or most freely be had and held by any men of religion, for ever, rendering therefrom yearly to me and my heirs half a mark of silver, for all things which may arise, half at Whitsuntide and half at the feast of saint Martin. And I Thomas and my heirs will warrant, defend, and acquit to the same convent all the aforesaid land with all its appurtenances, from all things against all men for ever. And if by change it should happen that the aforesaid convent at any time should be forced to pay anything to anyone for the aforesaid land through my default or that of my heirs it shall be charged against me and my heirs in the following terms of payment of the aforesaid half mark. And that this my gift may always remain stable, I have seen fit to confirm it with the protection of my seal. [*1228-1232.*[1]]

[1] These dates are fixed by the attestation of the prior of Markby.

[22] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear this present charter Richard son of Henry of Uffington sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle at perpetual fee farm the whole land and the whole tenement which I had in the village and within the four boundaries of Binbrook as well in demesne as in the services of free tenants and in villein lands, with all the villeins and their issues and chattels ; and the service and homage of Sir John Saunton and his heirs, namely the service of half a knight's fee which he held of me in the same village ; and all that part that I had in the mill of Binbrook ; and all the service and rent which I had in Wragholme ; with all appurtenances as well in reliefs, wardships, suits, and escheats as in all other services attaching to the said land, tenement, and rent, with all other easements, liberties, and free commons, in meadows, pastures, and feedings, in waters, ways, and paths, within and without the village without any reservation. To have and to hold to the same convent freely, quietly, and peaceably for ever, rendering therefrom yearly to me and my heirs eight pounds and half a mark of silver at four terms in the year, namely at Christmas forty shillings and

et viginti denarios et ad Pasca quadraginta solidos et viginti denarios et ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste xl solidos et xx denarios et ad festum sancti Michaelis quadraginta solidos et viginti denarios michi et heredibus meis uel certo nuncio nostro per litteras nostras patentes in domo de Sixilla persoluendos pro omnibus seruiciis et consuetudinibus exaccionibus et demandis que aliquo modo aliquo casu aliquo tempore accidere poterunt imperpetuum saluo tamen forinseco seruicio quod tam per liberos quam per uillanos soluetur . Et ego Ricardus et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus totam predictam terram et tenementum et omnia alia prenominata cum pertinenciis predicto conuentui de Sixilla ut predictum est pro predicto annuo seruicio de omnibus contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et ad cuius rei perpetuam stabilitatem presenti carte in modum cirographi confecte signum meum et signum predicti conuentus mutuo est appositum Hiis testibus domino Thoma de Scoteney domino Willelmo de Alneto Roberto de Baiocis de Teuelby Alano de Beseby Stephano de Irforda Ricardo Tochet de Hayntona Ricardo filio Thome de eadem Ricardo clerico de Bynbroke Willelmo de Borewella de eadem.

[23] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Willelmus filius Rogeri de Tavelesby[1] salutem Vobis uniuersis notum sit me concessisse dedisse et hac mea[1] confirmasse deo et sancte Marie et monialibus de Sixle et fratribus earum canonicis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totum tenementum meum quod tenui de feudo Radulfi Braybof infra villam de Tauelesby vel in territorio de Tausleby [*sic*] scilicet quatuor bouatas terre arabilis in territorio de Tauelesby cum quatuor toftis in eadem villa quos tenuit Blindel [*sic*] et molendinum in Tauelesby quod tenuit Blundellus de eodem feudo cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis in pratis et pasturis in viis et semitis libera et quieta ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione excepto quod ipsi soluent annuatim pro omni seculari seruitio prefato Radulpho Braybof et heredibus suis post eum decem solidos argenti quinque solidos in die Pasche et quinque solidos ad festum Sancti Michaelis Dedi eciam eis predictum Blundel cum omni posteritate sua et cum toto tenemento et seruicio suo imperpetuum scilicet cum una bouata terre que est de feudo Rogeri de Mumegume De feudo etiam Rogeri de Mumegune dedi eis in villa de Tauelesby totum illum toftum qui fuit Rogeri de Mumegune et Ade filii sui ita magnum et integrum sicut fuit quando melius et plenius inhabitauerunt in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Dedi eciam eis Galfridum cocum et heredes suos cum tenemento suo et dimidia bouata terre et duobus toftis in Tauelesby quorum unus toftus iacet versus aquilonem de domo Radulphi cesortus [*sic*] alter vero versus occidentem de molendino predictarum monialium et meas duas seliones terre versus orientem de molendino monialium et meum pratum proximum illo molendino ad aquilonem et infra fossatum suum ad predictum molendinum suum duas seliones terre que fueruut Godfridi quorum [*sic*] longitudo est de molendino illo versus aquilonem et latitudo ad occidentem

twenty pence, and at Easter forty shillings and twenty pence, and at the feast of saint John the Baptist forty shillings and twenty pence, and at the feast of saint Michael forty shillings and twenty pence, payable in the house of Sixle, to me or my heirs or to our messenger specified by our letters patent, for all services and customs, exactions and demands, which in any manner, by any chance, at any time, may ever arise; saving, however, the forinsec service which shall be paid as well by free men as by villeins. And I Richard and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the whole aforesaid land and tenement and all the other things aforenamed with appurtenances to the aforesaid convent of Sixle as is aforesaid against all men from all things for ever for the aforesaid yearly service. And for the perpetual security of this matter my seal and that of the aforesaid convent are respectively affixed to the present charter, made in the manner of an indenture. [*Henry III.*]

[1] Supply *me*.

[23] To all the faithful of Christ William son of Roger of Tealby sends greeting. Be it known to the whole body of you that I have granted, given, and by this my charter confirmed, in pure and perpetual alms to God and saint Mary and the nuns of Sixle and their brethren, canons and lay, my whole tenement which I held of the fee of Ralf de Braybof within the village of Tealby or in the territory of Tealby, namely four bovates of arable land in the territory of Tealby with four tofts in the same village which Blundel held, and a mill in Tealby which Blundel held of the same fee, with all their other appurtenances in meadows and pastures, in ways and paths, free and quit from all worldly service and exaction, except that they shall pay yearly to the aforesaid Ralf de Braibof and his heirs after him for all worldly service ten shillings of silver, five shillings on Easter Day and five shillings at the feast of saint Michael. I have moreover given to them the aforesaid Blundel with all his posterity and with his whole tenement and service for ever, namely with one bovate of land which is of the fee of Roger de Montbegon.[2] I have also given them in pure and perpetual alms of the fee of Roger de Montbegon in the village of Tealby all that toft that was Roger de Montbegon's and Adam his son's, as extensive and complete as it was at that time when they best and most completely occupied it. I have also given to them Geoffrey the cook and his heirs with his tenement and with a half bovate of land and with two tofts in Tealby, of which one toft lies towards the north from the the house of Ralf 'Cesortus,'[3] the other towards the west from the mill of the aforesaid nuns, and my two selions of land towards the east from the mill of the nuns, and my meadow next to that mill to the north, and within their ditch by their aforesaid mill, two selions

Concessi eciam eis et confirmaui quicquid eis dedit Hugo filius Hereburg secundum cartam suam infra fossatum suum vel extra Dedi eciam eis sufficientem in territorio de Tauelesby pasturam ad quadringentas oues et libertatem habendi faldam suam omni die anni ad illas quadringentas oues ubicunque voluerint super terram suam . et communem pasturam ad tanta animalia que ad tantum feudum pertinent in eadem villa Hec autem omnia suprascripta concessi dedi et hac mea presenti carta confirmaui deo et conuentui de Sixle in puram et perpetuam elemosinam cum libero introitu et exitu in viis et semitis eiusdem ville ⁊ et hec omnia warantizabo prefato conuentui erga omnes homines imperpetuum et heredes mei post me ⁊ Hiis testibus Willelmo capellano de Wyflyngham Johanne capellano de Tauelesby Rogero capellano de Sixle Ricardo decano de Tyryngtona Alano persona de Kevermount Radulfo clerico de Hotham Joceo clerico de Ludforda Waltero de Scoteni Radulpho filio Warini Willelmo filio Ricardi Blundel Serlone capellano Thoma filio Willelmi filii Haconis Willelmo filio suo Ricardo filio Radulfi de Hayntona et multis aliis .

[24[1]] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Walterus de Scoteny et uxor eius Elena filia Willelmi filii Goer ⁊ salutem in Christo Notum sit omnibus qui hanc cartam nostram legerint vel audierint nos dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam sanctimonialibus de Sixle quicquid habuimus in ecclesia de Wyflyngham cum omnibus pertinenciis suis nostri iuris in toftis et ceteris terris nichil terreni comodi [*sic*] nobis retinentes de predicta donatione nostra ut habundantius prosit animabus nostris in futuro Hoc autem fecimus assensu patris uxoris mee videlicet Willelmi filii Goer qui eis dedit quicquid iuris in predicta ecclesia habuit et carta sua confirmauit Calumpniam vero que versabatur inter nos et Matheum de Tauelesby de media parte ecclesie de Weyflyngham remisimus et concessimus partem illam ipsi Matheo ad opus sanctimonialium de Sixle quibus ipse concessit et dedit quicquid iuris habebat in predicta ecclesia Superaddimus et dedimus prefatis sanctimonialibus amplam mansuram in ultima parte ville in occidente ex utraque parte vie que eam separat ut cum predicta ecclesia eam habeant in perpetua possessione cum omni libertate et sine fatigatione terrene exaccionis vel seruicii Huius donationis nostre testes sunt Willelmus decanus de Cheu*ermunt* Alanus sacerdos de Theuel*esby* Sixto [*sic*] sacerdos Ricardus sacerdos de Wyflyngham Radulphus clericus de Hotheim et Gocelinus frater eius Alueredus clericus Romfarus clericus de Ludforda Radulphus filius Warini de Haintona Ricardus filius Angeri Willelmus Wither Radulphus abbot Ivo de Ludforda Hamundus Ricardus de Muln' Rompharus de Wyflyngham Radulfus filius Mathei Willelmus tortemains Walterus abbas de Kyrchested Philippus abbas de Reuesby Radulphus abbas de Parco Lude Gilbertus abbas de Suineshafd Willelmus de Banevilla Walterus clericus de Hueiele Radulfus filius Haconis et filii eius Simon et Robertus Willelmus de Insula.

of land which were Godfrey's, which extend in length from that mill towards the north and in breadth towards the west. I have also granted and confirmed to them whatever Hugh son of Hereburg gave to them within his ditch or without according to his charter. I have also given to them enough pasture in the fields of Tealby for four hundred sheep and liberty of having their fold every day of the year for those four hundred sheep wherever they wish on their land, and common pasture for as many animals as belong to a fee of this size in the same village. Moreover I have granted, given, and confirmed by this my present charter all these above-written things in pure and perpetual alms to God and the convent of Sixle with free entry and exit in the ways and paths of the same village, and I and my heirs after me will warrant all these things to the aforesaid convent towards all men for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[1] Supply *carta*.

[2] In the *Lindsey Survey*, fo. 11, Roger de Montbegon held a carucate and a half in Tealby of the count of Mortain.

[3] This name probably stands for the 'de Forciis' of no. 25.

[24[1]] To all the faithful of Christ Walter de Scoteni and Elena his wife daughter of William son of Goer send greeting in Christ. Be it known to all who shall read or hear this our charter that we have given in perpetual alms to the nuns of Sixle whatever right we had in the church of Willingham with all its appurtenances in tofts and in other lands, reserving no earthly advantage to ourselves from the aforesaid gift, that it may more abundantly profit our souls in the future. Moreover we have done this with the assent of my wife's father, namely William son of Goer, who gave to them whatever right he had in the aforesaid church and confirmed it also by his charter. We have released the claim which was at issue between us and Matthew of Tealby concerning the moiety of the church of Willingham and have granted that part to the said Matthew to the use of the nuns of Sixle to whom he himself has granted and given whatever right he had in the aforesaid church. In addition we have given to the aforesaid nuns a spacious messuage at the western end of the village on both sides of the way which divides it, that they may hold it with the aforesaid church in perpetual possession with every liberty and without the burden of earthly exaction or service. [*Circa 1160.*]

[1] No. 24 is a duplicate of no. 7.

[25] Notum sit cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris quod ego Matheus de Tauelesby assensu domini mei et [*sic*] Reginaldi de Creuequer et uxoris eius Matild*is* et omnium filiorum suorum scilicet Alexandri Gilberti et Simonis de Creuequer et meorum filiorum et heredum meorum Willelmi Johannis et Radulfi concessi et dimissi in feudum et perpetuam possessionem conuentui sancte Marie de Sixilla totam terram meam de Wiuilligham cum omnibus pertinenciis suis infra villam et extra nullo iure michi vel heredibus meis inde retento scilicet nec de redditu nec de hominibus nec de aliqua re ad illam terram pertinente et tres solidos redditus in Angotheby vel ipsam meam terram si conuentus maluerit in Angotheby pro duodecim marcis quas idem conuentus persoluet michi et heredibus meis annuatim pro omni seruicio imperpetuum scilicet quatuor marcas in purificatione beate Marie et quatuor marcas ad pentecosten et quatuor marcas ad festum sancti Michaelis Et sciendum quod pro hiis duodecim marcis quas annuatim michi soluent et heredibus meis ego et heredes mei imperpetuum warantizabimus prefato conuentui predictam terram de Wiuilligham et prefatum redditum trium solidorum siue ipsam terram in Angotheby et acquietabimus de omnibus seruiciis domini regis et advocatorum et dominorum necnon et de omni alio seruicio et iure et consuetudine et auxiliis et omni exaccione et calumpnia et murdre et relef et de omni re erga dominos meos et regis ministros . Et si contingat quod pro defectu mei vel heredum meorum prefatus conuentus aliquid dederit regi vel vicecomiti vel dominis vel ministris vel alicui alii homini pro eadem terra in firma predicte terre michi vel heredibus meis computabitur infra predictas duodecim marcas et ipse conventus in tantum quietus erit . Et sciendum quod si cogatur conuentus de firma mea[1] facere forinsecum servitium faciet quidem quantum pertinet ad feudum unius militis . Unus vero de conuentu unus vero de hominibus de Wiuilligham sequitur [*sic*] placita regis et vicecomitis et nos acquietabimus eos de omnibus fore factis [*sic*] et si conuentus se acquietauerit nobis computabitur michi et heredibus meis in firma nostra . Hanc vero conuentionem tenendam fideliter et warantizandam predicto conuentui versus omnes homines imperpetuum ut suprascriptum est affidauimus sine malo ingenio ego Matheus et Willelmus primogenitus et heres meus et antenominati filii mei in manu Roberti de Alneto Et hoc vobis notificetur quod prefatus conuentus dedit michi in initio huius conuencionis extra firmam viginti marcas argenti ut ei concederem sepe nominatam terram ad istam firmam perpetuam et Willelmo filio meo viginti solidos ad pallefridum emendum et domino meo Reginaldo de Creuequer dedit conuentus tres marcas Conuentus vero in veritate spoponderunt fidem seruare michi et heredibus meis post me de terra illa et de firma soluenda . Et ut hec conuentio nostra firma et inconcussa perseueret coram venerabili viro Roberto secundo Lincoln*iensi* episcopo in capitulo matricis ecclesie per manus nostras in manibus eius concessimus et pepigimus et sigillo nostro confirmauimus et sigillo ipsius capituli pendente

[25] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ present and future that I, Matthew of Tealby, with the assent of my lord Reginald de Creuequer, and of his wife Maud, and of all his children, namely Alexander, Gilbert, and Simon de Creuequer, and of my sons and heirs William, John, and Ralf, have granted and demised in fee and perpetual possession to the convent of saint Mary of Sixle, all my land of Willingham with all its appurtenances within the village and without, reserving no right to me or my heirs therein, neither in rent, nor in men, nor in anything belonging to that land; and three shillings of rent in Osgodby or my land itself in Osgodby if the convent shall prefer it, for twelve marks which the same convent shall pay to me and my heirs yearly for all service for ever, namely four marks at the purification of the blessed Mary, and four marks at Whitsuntide, and four marks at the feast of saint Michael. And be it known that for these twelve marks which they shall pay yearly to me and my heirs, I and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid land of Willingham and the aforesaid rent of three shillings or the land itself in Osgodby to the aforesaid convent for ever, and we will acquit it from all service of the lord king, and of guardians, and of lords, and also from all other service, and right, and custom, and from aids, and from every exaction and suit, and from murder, and relief and from everything, against my lords and the king's officers. And if it happen that through my default or that of my heirs the aforesaid convent shall have given anything to the king, or the sheriff, or the lords, or the officers, or to any other man for the same land it shall be charged to me and my heirs within the aforesaid twelve marks, in the rent of the aforesaid land, and the convent shall be quit to that amount. And be it known that if the convent shall be forced to do forinsec service out of the rent due to me[1] it shall only do as much as pertains to one knight's fee. Moreover one man from the convent and one from the men of Willingham [shall] follow the pleas of the king and the sheriff and we will acquit them from all forfeitures, and if the convent shall have acquitted itself it shall be charged to us, namely to me and my heirs in our rent. Moreover I Matthew, and William my firstborn son and heir, and my aforenamed sons have pledged our faith without guile in the hand of Robert de Alneto faithfully to hold and warrant this agreement as is above written to the aforesaid convent against all men for ever. And be this known to you that the aforesaid convent in the beginning of this agreement have given to me, beyond the rent, twenty marks of silver that I should grant them the often mentioned land at this perpetual rent, and to my son William twenty shillings to buy a palfrey, and to my lord Reginald de Creuequer the convent have given three marks. Moreover the convent have promised in truth to keep faith with me and my heirs after me concerning the land and the payment of the rent. And that this our agreement may remain firm and unshaken we have made and contracted it before the venerable man Robert the second, bishop of Lincoln, in the chapter of the mother church, by our

coroborauimus teste ipso capitulo eiusdem ecclesie Roberto archidiacono Umfrido subdecano Radulfo de Kaham Rogero presentore Reginaldo simplice Rogero paruo Herueo filio Willelmi Pagano canonicis eiusdem ecclesie Rogero de Derreby Ada de Mundeuile Yleberto Willelmo decano de Capra monte Roberto de Alneto Willelmo capellano de Wiuilligham Alano presbitero de Tauell*esby* Roberto clerico de Rothwella Radulfo clerico de Hotham Thoma de Arci Ada de Munbegun Widone de Ver Willelmo filio Haconis Gilberto de Neuile Radulpho filio Hacunis Rogero filio Fulconis Willelmo Wacelin Oliver de Uendouere Rogero de Benyngworda Roberto de Hallei Alexandro de Bleseby Rabodo Philipo Rabode [*sic*] Fulcaldo Testard Herberto de Forciis Letardo de Raburne in Christo.

[26] Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Robertus Burnell permissione diuina Bathon*iensis* et Willen*sis* [*sic*] episcopus salutem in domino. Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dimisisse dedisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse deo et beate Marie et priori et conuentui de Sixilla in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totum manerium nostrum de Toft iuxta Westrasyn in comitatu Lincoln*iensi* cum aduocacione ecclesie eiusdem uille cum omnibus feodis et redditibus nostris ad dictum manerium de Toft qualitercumque pertinentibus tam de uillis de Aby et Strubby et Saxilby quam quibuscumque aliis locis Et cum omnibus terris redditibus pratis pascuis pasturis aquis viis semitis homagiis fidelitalibus wardis releuiis excaetis villenagiis seu natiuis cum omnibus catallis et sequelis suis et cum omnibus aliis seruiciis et libertatibus predicto manerio quocumque modo infra uillam et extra pertinentibus sine aliquo retenemento. Et cum omnibus terris toftis tenementis pratis pascuis et pasturis nostris infra uillam de Belesby et extra cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinenciis suis sine quouis retimento [*sic*] sicut omnia predicta plenius habuimus quando [*sic*] de dono magistri Johannis de Lada.[1] Ita quidem quod nec nos nec heredes nostri seu assignati nec aliquis occasione nostra seu nomine nostro in aliquibus supradictis aliquod ius vel clamium de cetero exigere vel vendicare poterimus quocumque modo set habeant et teneant omnia supradicta bene et in pace libere et intrigre [*sic*] de domino rege imperpetuum faciendo ad wardam castelli sui de Doueria seruicia debita et consueta quantum pertinet ad tantum tenementum. Hanc autem dimissionem concessionem et confirmacionem fecimus eis pro salute domini regis Edwardi et pro salute nostra ac pro salute animarum nostrarum omniumque antecessorum et successorum nostrorum In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum apposuimus Hiis testibus Magistro Radulfo de Wykham tunc archidiaconi Bathon*iensi* magistro Alano de Wykham Domino Ada de Toutheby milite Gilberto de Benyngworth de Bleseby Roberto de Timberlound de eadem Rogero de Sixle et aliis. Datum apud London' in festo sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi septimo.

hands in his hand, and we have confirmed it with our seal and corroborated it with the pendent seal of the same chapter. [*Circa 1150.*[2]]

[1] These words must be understood as refering to the provision contained in the previous sentence.

[2] See Introduction.

[26] To the whole body of the sons of holy mother church to whom the present writing shall come Robert Burnell, by divine permission bishop of Bath and Wells, sends greeting in the Lord. Let the whole body of you know that I have demised, given, and by this our present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the prior and convent of Sixle, all our manor of Toft next West Rasen in the county of Lincoln, with the advowson of the church of the same village, with all our fees and rents pertaining in any sort to the said manor of Toft, as well from the villages of Aby, Strubby, and Saxilby as from all other places, and with all lands, rents, meadows, pastures, feedings, waters, ways, paths, homages, fealties, wardships, reliefs, escheats, villein lands, or born serfs with all their chattels and issues, and with all other services and liberties appertaining in any way to the aforesaid manor within the village or without, without any reservation; and with all our lands, tofts, tenements, meadows, feedings, and pastures within the village of Beelsby and without, with all their liberties and appurtenances without any reservation, as when we had all the aforesaid things most fully by the gift of master John of Louth. So indeed that neither we, nor our heirs or assigns, nor anyone because of us or in our name, shall in any manner be able to enforce or assert any right or claim from henceforth in anything that is aforesaid, but the convent shall have and hold all the aforesaid things of the lord king well and in peace, freely and completely for ever, doing thence for the keeping of his castle of Dover the services due and accustomed as much as pertains to a tenement of this size. Moreover we have made this demise, grant, and confirmation to them for the safety of the lord king Edward, and for own safety, and for the safety of our souls and the souls of all our ancestors and successors. In witness whereof we have set our seal to this our present writing [Witnesses] Given at London in the feast of saint Michael in the seventh year of the reign of King Edward. [*29 September, 1279.*]

[1] *Sic*, probably for Luda, that is, Louth.

[27] Notum sit cuntis Christi fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus quod ego Thomas filius Willelmi assensu uxoris mee et heredum meorum dedi et concessi deo et sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Sixle earumque fratribus quicquid habui sub dominio meo de Astorp tam in redditu quam ceteris rebus in perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio Hanc donacionem feci eis pro anima patris mei et matris mee et nominatim pro Simone fratre meo et pro salute mea et uxoris mee et heredum meorum Huius donacionis testes sunt Radulfo Hodham [*sic*] Willelmus sacerdos Ricardus filius Angeri et Willelmus frater eius Willelmus Wyter Gilbertus de Angetheby Humfridus de Welletona Hospertus de Wyham Galfridus Vealt' Philippus Hodoco [*sic*].

[28] Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Rogerus Dercy miles salutem in domino Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me pro salute anime mee omniumque antecessorum meorum dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio et terrena exaccione totum capitale mesuagium meum cum edificiis suis et cum omnibus aliis toftis meis in villa de Netiltona cum uniuersis libertatibus et pertinenciis suis quod quidem mesuagium iacet inter mesuagium Ricardi Blanchard et mesuagium Johannis le clerk Et totam terram nostram et tenementum cum pratis pascuis et pasturis viis aquis viuariis et cum omnibus redditibus meis releuiis communibus et omnimodis seruiciis et cum singulis aliis libertatibus et pertinenciis sine aliquo retenemento quecumque habui ex cuiuscumque donacione seu concessione in villa et in territorio eiusdem ville de Netiltona quocumque modo videlicet sex bouatas terre arabilis et dimidiam quarum tres bouate terre iacent in campo occidentali et tres bouate terre et dimidia in campo occidentali[1] eiusdem ville de Netiltona et eciam si plus ibi habeatur sine aliquo retenemento ut predictum est Tenendum et habendum dicto conuentui libere quiete et pacifice sicut aliqua elemosina liberius vel melius dari vel teneri potest Ego uero Rogerus et heredes mei vel quicumque terram meam quocumque iure possederint prefatum mesuagium cum omnibus toftis predictis et totam terram et tenementum supradictam cum pratis pascuis pasturis viis aquis viuariis et cum omnibus redditibus meis releuiis consuetudinibus et omnimodis seruiciis et uniuersis aliis libertatibus et pertinentiis suis sine aliquo retenemento ut predictum est prefato conuentui et successoribus suis warantizabimus defendemus et de omnibus rebus contra omnes homines Christianos et Judeos acquietabimus imperpetuum In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum apposui Hiis testibus domino Stephano de Lund domino Thoma Darcy fratre meo militibus Rogero clerico de Stalingburgh Ada de Sayntmariland de Caster Thoma de Wikham iuxta Nettiltona Ricardo Blanchard de Nettiltona Johanne le clerk de eadem et aliis. Datum apud Nettiltona in vigilia sancti Bartholomei appostoli [*sic*] anno domini millesimo cc^{mo} septuagesimo sexto Et anno regni regis Edwardi quarto .

[27] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ as well future as present that I, Thomas son of William, with the assent of my wife and my heirs have given and granted to God and saint Mary and the nuns of Sixle and their brethren whatever I had under my lordship[1] of Aisthorpe as well in rent as in other things, in perpetual alms, free and quit from all worldly service. I have made this gift to them for the soul of my father and my mother and especially for Simon my brother and for my own safety and that of my wife and my heirs. [*Henry II.*]

[1] See Introduction.

[28] To the whole body of the sons of holy mother church to whom this present writing shall come Roger Darcy knight sends greeting in the Lord. Let the whole body of you know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle, in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all worldly service and earthly exaction, all my chief messuage lying between the messuage of Richard Blanchard and the messuage of John the clerk, with its buildings, and with all my other tofts in the village of Nettleton with all their liberties and appurtenances. And all our land and tenement with meadows, pastures, and feedings, ways, waters, warrens, and with all my rents, reliefs, commons, and all manner of services, and with all and singular other liberties and appurtenances without any reservation, whatsoever I had from the gift or grant of any person in any manner in the village and in the territory of the same village of Nettleton, namely six and a half bovates of arable land, of which three bovates of land lie in the west field and three and a half bovates of land lie in the west[1] field of the same village of Nettleton, and more also if it may be had there, without any reservation as is aforesaid. To hold and to have to the said convent freely, quietly, and peaceably as any alms may most freely or best be given or held. Moreover I, Roger, and my heirs or whoever shall possess my land by any right whatever will warrant, defend, and acquit the aforesaid messuage with all the aforesaid tofts, and all the aforesaid land and tenement with meadows, pastures, feedings, ways, waters, warrens, and with all my rents, reliefs, customs, and all manner of services and with all their other liberties and appurtenances without any reservation, as is aforesaid, to the aforesaid convent and their successors, in all things against all men Christian and Jew for ever. In witness whereof I have set my seal to this present writing. Given at Nettleton in the vigil of saint Bartholomew the apostle in the year of our Lord 1276 and the fourth year of the reign of King Edward. [*23 August, 1276.*]

[1] *Sic*, but presumably *orientali* should be read here in the Latin and *east* in the English.

[29] Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis Rogerus Musteile et Willelmus filius eius et heres et ceteri heredes sui : salutem Notum sit vobis nos dimisisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse imperpetuum sanctimonialibus de Sixilla et earum fratribus clericis et laicis totam villam de Leggesby plene et integre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et libertatibus que infra quatuor diuisas campi eiusdem ville continentur scilicet in pratis pascuis et boscis et planis et terra arabili in aquis et molendinis et in ecclesiis in viis semitis et in omnibus locis nichil nobis inde retento preter sex marcas quas annuatim persoluent pro omni re nobis pertinente videlicet tres marcas ad Pascha et tres marcas ad festum sancti Michaelis Concessimus eciam eis et confirmauimus perpetuo tenendum de nobis totum feudum nostrum in Wyflyngham cum omnibus pertinenciis eius infra villam et extra libere et quiete ab omni re pro viginti solidis quos nobis annuatim predictis terminis persoluent scilicet ad Pasca decem solidos et ad festum sancti Michaelis decem solidos Facient etiam nobis pro Leggesby et pro Wyflyngham forinsecum seruicium quod nos excedit in denariis scilicet quantum pertinet ad feudum dimidii militis Hec omnia concessimus eis tenenda de nobis in perpetuam elemosinam pro animabus omnium antecessorum nostrorum cum duabus filiabus meis quas magister Gilbertus auunculus meus suscepit in ordinem sanctimonialium suarum Et hec warantizabimus illis erga regem et dominos et omnes homines imperpetuum fide mea et Willelmi filii mei super hoc interposita in manu Roberti filii Julian de Horbelinghe et sacramento a nobis facto tactis sacrosanctis euangeliis in ecclesia beate Marie de Sixle Hiis testibus Thoma capellano et Gilberto clerico de Sempryngham Andrea et Jocelino filiis Roberti de Horblinge Willelmo et Jordano filiis Briani de Pointona Radulfo clerico de Sempyngham Hugone filio Mauricii Willelmo de Ormesby Tenor huius carte confirmatus est attestatione conuentus de Valle Dei ut reseruetur Radulfo de Odham pars nemoris in occidente cum cultura de Legeshouwang et pastura cum ceteris animalibus in communione in mora cum hominibus meis in Wyflyngham.

[30] Omnibus Christi fidelibus Jocelinus frater Regine et Agnes de Percy uxor eius salutem Sciatis quod concessimus et per hanc cartam nostram confirmauimus ecclesie sancte Marie de Sixle et conuentui eiusdem ecclesie tenementum quod tenent de Roberto filio Roberti scilicet totam Leggesby sicut carta predicti Roberti testatur et carta Willelmi de Percy eis confirmat et quod tenent de eo in Wyflyngham sicut carta ipsius Roberti testatur saluis forinsecis seruiciis regis et nostris Confirmauimus eciam eis quod tenent de Roberto de Hallei scilicet unum toftum et salinam unam in Kermunthorp et pratum in Hadestanefene sicut carta eius testatur . Huius carte testes sunt Galfridus de Percy Galfridus de Withcale Willelmus et Ricardus prisbeteri [*sic*] de Wyflyngham Andreas clericus de Leggesby Thomas filius Willelmi Willelmus de Atun Thomas de Beseby Galfridus Albus Derkyn de Wyflyngham Robertus filius Radulfi filius Warini Alanus de Malberthorp.

[29] To all the sons of holy church Roger Musteile and and William his son and heir and his other heirs send greeting. Be it known to you that we have demised and granted and by this present charter confirmed for ever to the nuns of Sixle and their brethren, clerks and laymen, the whole village of Legsby fully and completely with all its appurtenances and liberties contained within the four boundaries of the field of the same village, namely in meadows, feedings, and woods, and plains, and arable land, in waters and mills and in churches, in ways and paths, and in all places, reserving nothing therein to ourselves except six marks which they shall pay yearly for everything belonging to us, namely three marks at Easter and three marks at the feast of saint Michael. We have also granted and confirmed to them to hold of us for ever all our fee in Willingham with all its appurtenances within the village and without, free and quit from everything for twenty shillings which they shall pay to us yearly at the aforesaid terms, namely at Easter ten shillings and at the feast of saint Michael ten shillings. They shall also do to us for Legsby and Willingham forinsec service in pennies which go beyond us, namely as much as pertains to the fee of half a knight. All these things we have granted to them to hold of us in perpetual alms for the souls of all our ancestors, with my two daughters whom master Gilbert my uncle has received into the order of his nuns. And we will warrant all these things to them against the king, and the lords, and all men for ever, by my faith and that of William my son pledged in this matter in the hand of Robert son of Julian of Horbling and by the oath made by us as we touched the most holy gospels in the church of blessed Mary of Sixle. [Witnesses] The tenor of this charter has been confirmed by the attestation of the convent of Vaudey that there may be reserved to Ralf of Odham[1] part of the wood in the west together with the *cultura* of Legeshouwang and pasture with other animals in the moor in common with my men of Willingham. [*Henry II.*]

[1] This name probably stands for the lost village now represented by Holtham Carrs between Legsby and Sixle.

[30] To all the faithful of Christ, Jocelin the queen's brother and Agnes de Percy his wife send greeting. Know that we have granted and by this our charter confirmed to the church of saint Mary of Sixle and the convent of the same church, the estate, namely all Legsby, which they hold of Robert son of Robert, as the charter of the aforesaid Robert bears witness and the charter of William de Percy confirms it to them, and that which they hold of the same Robert in North Willingham as his charter bears witness, saving the forinsec service of the king and our own service. We have also confirmed to them that which they hold of Robert de Hallei, namely one toft and one saltpan in Grainthorpe and a meadow in Austin Fen as his charter bears witness. [*Henry II.*]

[31] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Rodbertus de Hudham salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixla in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam illam partem terre et nemoris in Linthweit que iacet extra fossatum nemoris mei de Legeshou inter le Northwode et le Bondmanwode et abuttat versus austrum super campum de Leggesby . et item totam illam partem terre extra fossatum prefati nemoris mei apud apud [*sic*] septemptrionem que similiter iacet inter le Northwode et culturam de le Bondmanwode et abuttat versus le north super le more de Legesby . Preterea quietam clamaui eis totam occasionem meam omnimodis in prefata cultura et in prefata mor saluo tamen michi chemino per intruitum [*sic*] pro caratis [*sic*] meis . Hanc elemosinam feci eis quando Nicholaus prior de Sixla ex assensu conventui [*sic*] dedit michi corodium in domo sua ad totam vitam meam Hiis testibus Willelmo de Baiocis et Ada fratre suo Ricardo Tuschet et Willelmo abbate de Heintun Ricardo Seli et Radulfo filio Hamonis de Wyflyngham Thoma de Scotenei Philippo de Tymberlund.

[32] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Hugo Malet frater Gilberti Malet salutem . Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et conuentui beate Marie de Sixle triangulam terre in territorio de Lindwode que abuttat super Flidwde del west uidelicet tres acras terre cum bosco desuper crescente . Concessi eciam eis ut sumant illas tres acras infra fossatum suum et ut illud fossatum diuidat boscum eorum de Flidwde et de Hoberges in duas parte[s] usque in antiquum fossatum de Leggeshow . Dedi eciam eis ad illam divissionem [*sic*] faciendum latitudinem viginti pedum largiter de terra mea ubicumque terra mea iuxta iacuerit per circuitum scilicet decem pedes ad fossatum faciendum et decem pedes ad uiam faciendum inter utrumque fossatum ut in occidente et in oriente possint fossare in quadrum in occidente versus austrum usque ad parchum et in oriente versus septentrionem usque ad boscum Roberti de Hodham . Confirmaui eciam eis illam triangulam terre arabilis in eodem territorio iuxta le mor apud septentrionem nemoris mei que abuttat super culturam eorum de Flidwde de west plenarie concedendo ut illam terram includant ad prefatam culturam de Flidwde et de Hoberges cum sepe uel fossato prout melius poterunt usque in antiquum fossatum de Legeshowe apud septemtrionem iuxta le more de Leggesby . Preterea quietam clamaui eis totam communionem omnimodis in prefatis fossatis cum chemino et in prefata cultura et bosco de Flidwode et Hoberges de me et de heredibus meis et de omnibus hominibus meis imperpetuum . Hec omnia warantizabimus eis ego et heredes mei ita libera et quieta sicut aliqua elemosina ecclesie catholice potest confirmari pro eo quod [ad] instanciam meam dederunt de territorio suo illa[m] prenominatam partem nemoris diuisi ad elongandum boscum Hugonis de Baiocis usque ad Liggeshow cum libero exitu super terram eorum

[31] To all the faithful of Christ, Robert de Hudham sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have given, granted, and by this present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle all that portion of land and wood in Lynwode which lies without the ditch of my wood of Legeshou between North Wood and Bondman Wood and abuts towards the south on the field of Legsby; and also all that portion of land without the ditch of my aforesaid wood to the north which likewise lies between North Wood and the *cultura* of Bondman Wood and abuts towards the north on the moor of Legsby. Further I have released to them all my claim which I had in any sort in the aforesaid *cultura* and in the aforesaid moor, reserving nevertheless to myself a way of entry for my waggons. I made this gift to them when Nicholas prior of Sixle with the assent of the convent gave me a corrody in his house for all my life. [*Circa 1200.*]

[32] To all the faithful of Christ, Hugh Malet brother of Gilbert Malet sends greeting. Know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the convent of blessed Mary of Sixle the triangle of land in the territory of Lynwode which abuts on Flidwood to the west, namely three acres of land with the wood growing thereon. I have also granted to them that they may take those three acres within their ditch, and that that ditch may divide their wood of Flidwood and Hoberges in two parts as far as the old ditch of Leggeshou. I have also given them from my land the breadth of fully twenty feet wherever my land lies adjacent throughout the whole circuit, to make that division, namely ten feet to make a ditch and ten feet to make a way between either ditch, so that on the west and on the east they can dig in the form of a square, on the west towards the south as far as the park, and on the east towards the north as far as the wood of Robert de Hodham. I have also confirmed to them that triangle of arable land in the same field next the moor to the north of my wood, which abuts on their *cultura* of Flidwood to the west; granting fully that they should enclose that land to the aforesaid *cultura* of Flidwood and Hoberges with a hedge or ditch as best they shall be able, as far as the old ditch of Legeshow to the north, next the moor of Legsby. Further I have quitclaimed to them from me and my heirs and from all my men for ever all common of every kind in the aforesaid ditches and in the aforesaid *cultura* and wood of Flidwood and Hoberges together with a road. All these things I and my heirs will warrant to them as freely and quietly as any alms can be confirmed to the Catholic Church, because at my instance they have given of their territory that aforenamed part of the divided wood to extend the wood of Hugh of Bayeux as far as Liggeshow with free exit on their land to the north. [*Henry II.*]

apud septentrionem . Hiis testibus Petro Malet de Ireby Willelmo clerico de Monte Begonis Waltero Gisors Gilberto Blanchard et Romphar fratre eius Radulfo filio decani et Alano fratre eius Hernis de Neuella Lamberto de Scoteni Willelmo Mustel Roberto de Baiocis Alano de Beseby Thoma de Bekeryng Thoma Malet presbitero Alexandro de Bleseby.

[33] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Gilbertus Malet frater Hugonis Malet de Lindwode ⁊ salutem Sciatis me concessisse et quietum clamasse de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum deo et monialibus canonicis et fratribus de Sixle in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quicquid iuris habuimus ego et heredes mei et precipue omnem communionem pasture infra fossam de Flidwd et de Houbergers [*sic*] et nemorum predictorum canonicorum de Sixle et ut fossatum suum habeant et emendent circa prefata nemora quam melius poterunt imperpetuum bene et in pace concessi et sigilli mei appensione coroboraui et confirmaui . Hiis testibus Radulpho capellano de Lindewde Rogero capellano de Sixle Thoma Malet persona ecclesie de Lyndwde Willelmo de Baiocis Hugone Malet Waltero filio Jurdani de Lindwde Masener seruiente Hugonis de Baiocis Thoma filio Roberti de Lindwde.

[34] Notum sit cuntis Christi fidelibus quod ego Willelmus filius Ricardi de Lincoln*ia* dedi et concessi et quietum clamaui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam conuentui beate Marie de Sixle totum jus meum et clamium quod habui infra boscum illorum de Lindwode in pastura et in terra et in omnibus aliis rebus suis [*sic*] aliquo retenemento pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum necnon et pro salute mea et meorum ut participes simus orationum et fraternitatis eorum imperpetuum Et ut hec donacio mea et quieta clamacio perpetuum robur optineat eas presenti carta confirmaui per me et heredes meos imperpetuum warantizandas . Hiis testibus Alexandro capellano de Wycham Ricardo capellano de Wicham Alano clerico de Kaylestorp Henrico clerico de Wyflyngham Wygot ferario de Lindwde Clemente fratre eius Thoma filio Siwardi de Hainton Ricardo filio Ulf de Ludford Radulfo filio Hamundi de Wyflyngham.

[35] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Hugo Malet filius Alani salutem . Sciatis me assensu et concessu Hugonis Malet domini mei . et uxoris mee Mahalt . et matris mee . et heredum meorum . concessisse dedisse et hac mea carta confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et monialibus de Sixle totam partem meam de le Bondmawde in territorio de Leggesby . quod nemus et que terra vocatur Houberges ⁊ scilicet totum nemus et totam [terram] que est inter Fliwde et Leggeshowe et boscum Radulfi de Hodham apud septentrionem tendentem undique usque ad mor in latum . Et totum nemus et totam terram a diuisa que venit de Flidwde tendentem a

[33] To all the faithful of Christ, Gilbert Malet brother of Hugh Malet of Linwood sends greeting. Know that I have granted and quitclaimed from me and my heirs for ever in pure and perpetual alms to God and the nuns, canons, and brethren of Sixle whatever right I and my heirs had, and especially all common of pasture within the ditch of Flidwood and Houberges, and that of the woods of the aforesaid canons of Sixle. And I have granted that they may have and maintain their ditch about the aforesaid woods well and in peace as best they can for ever, and I have corroborated and confirmed this by appending my seal. [*Henry III.*]

[34] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ that I William son of Richard of Lincoln have given and granted and released in pure and perpetual alms to the convent of blessed Mary of Sixle all my right and claim which I had within their wood of Linwood in pasture, and in land, and in all other things without any reservation, for the souls of my father and my mother and of all my ancestors, and also for my own safety and that of my kin, that we may be partakers in their prayers and brotherhood for ever. And that this my gift and quitclaim may remain firm for ever I have confirmed these things in this present charter to be warranted by me and my heirs for ever. [*Circa 1200.*]

[35] To all the faithful of Christ, Hugh Malet son of Alan sends greeting. Know that with the assent and consent of Hugh Malet my lord, and of my wife Mahalt, and of my mother, and of my heirs, I have given, and in this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and the nuns of Sixle, all my part of Bondman Wood in the territory of Legsby, which grove and land is called Houberges, namely all the grove and all the land between Flidwood and Leggeshowe and the wood of Ralf of Hodham stretching thence towards the north as far as the moor in breadth, and all the grove and all the land from the boundary which comes from Flidwood,

capite occidentali usque ad prefatum mor in latum . Et item totum nemus et totam terram tendentem a prefata divisa usque ad Legeshowe in longum . Concedendo [*sic*] eis plenarie ut illud nemus et terram illa [*sic*] properarent et faciant quicquid eis melius placuerit sicut carta patris mei testatur . Et sciendum est quod mater mea et uxor mea hoc ipsum ultimo quietum clamauerunt et affidauerunt se insuper nunquam facturas inde calumpniam in manu Agnetis uxoris Ricardi Blanchard presentibus testibus Mabilia uxore Radulfi militis et Amabili uxore Romfare . Quamobrem ego et heredes mei hec acquietabimus de omni iure et ea warantizabimus erga omnes homines imperpetuum predicto conuentui de Sixle sicut nostram puram et perpetuam elemosinam . Hiis testibus Osberto capellano de Castre Roberto decano de Rothwelle Hugone Malet de Hirby Thoma fratre suo Hugone Malet et Gilberto fratre suo Yuone Sax et Radulfo fratre suo Hugone de Gresby et Thoma fratre suo Rompharo de Nettilton et Radulfo fratre suo Wiardo de Nichole Alano de Claxbi Brian*no* de Welleton Osberto de Nichole Radulfo clerico de Hodheim et Gocelino fratre suo Haldan et Sax de Nettilton.

[36] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Philippus filius Philippi de Timberlunda salutem ¶ Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam seruicium homagium et redditum que Willelmus de Tymberlunda frater meus et heredes sui michi facere solebant pro tenemento quod de me tenuerunt in Bleseby scilicet dimidiam marcam annuatim de heredibus dicti Willelmi fratris mei percipiendam scilicet quadraginta denaris [*sic*] ad festum sancti Botulphi et quadraginta denarios ad Natale domini Concessi eciam et dedi eidem conuentui de Sixilla in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam ius et dominium quod habui uel aliquo modo habere potui in capitali manso cum dominicis culturis ad predictum mansum pertinentibus que predictus Willelmus frater meus et heredes sui aliquando de me tenuerunt in uilla et in territorio de Bleseby cum homagiis wardiis releuiis excaetis sectis curie demandis et aliis seruiciis que michi et heredibus meis meis [*sic*] aliquo modo aliquo casu inde accidere poterunt imperpetuum Preterea dedi et concessi eidem conuentui de Sixilla in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam redditum unius libre peperis quam Willelmus filius Ricardi de Bleseby michi debuit pro tribus bouatis terre et duobus toftis in villa et in territorio de Bleseby que Willelmus de Mundeuile quondam de me tenuit cum homagio warda releuio et excaeto et omnibus aliis seruiciis que michi inde aliquo modo contigere possent . Habenda et tenenda eidem conuentui de Sixilla libere et quiete et pacifice sicut aliqua elemosina melius vel liberius haberi vel teneri poterit ab aliquibus religiosis imperpetuum . Et ego Philippus et heredes mei warantizabimus acquieta-

stretching in breadth from the western headland as far as the aforesaid moor, and also all the grove and all the land stretching in length from the aforesaid boundary as far as Legeshowe; granting fully that they may employ and use that land at their pleasure as my father's charter bears witness. And be it known that my mother and my wife have quitclaimed this same thing in full, and moreover have pledged their faith in the hand of Agnes wife of Richard Blanchard in the presence of witnesses, Mabel wife of Ralf the knight and Amabel wife of Romfar, that they will never make a claim therein. Wherefore I and my heirs will acquit these things from every claim, and warrant them to the aforesaid convent against all men for ever as our pure and perpetual alms. [*Henry II.*]

[36] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear this present charter, Philip son of Philip of Timberland sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed, in free, pure, and perpetual alms to God, and blessed Mary, and the convent of Sixle the service, homage, and rent which William of Timberland my brother and his heirs used to render to me for the tenement which they held of me in Bleasby, namely half a mark yearly to be received from the heirs of the said William my brother, namely forty pence at the feast of St. Botolph and forty pence at Christmas. I have also granted and given in free, pure, and perpetual alms to the same convent of Sixle all the right and lordship which I had or in any manner could have in the chief dwelling with the demesne *culturæ* belonging to the aforesaid dwelling which the aforesaid William my brother and his heirs at one time held of me in the village and in the territory of Bleasby, with the homages, wardships, reliefs, escheats, suits of court, demands, and other services which in any way by any chance could therefrom accrue to me and my heirs for ever. I have further given and granted in free, pure, and perpetual alms to the same convent of Sixle a rent of one pound of pepper which William son of Richard of Bleasby owed to me for three bovates of land and two tofts, in the village and in the territory of Bleasby, which William de Mundevile formerly held of me, with homage, wardship, relief, and escheat, and all other services which may accrue to me in any manner therefrom. To have and to hold to the same convent of Sixle freely and quietly and peaceably as any alms may best or most freely be had or held by any religious men for ever. And I Philip and my heirs

bimus et defendemus omnia predicta ut predictum est predicto conuentui de Sixilla sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram de omnibus contra omnes homines imperpetuum In cuius rei testimonium presentem cartam sigillo meo coroboraui Hiis testibus domino Ada uicario de Wiuelingham domino Radulfo uicario de Teuelby domino Reginaldo de Jerpenuile Willelmo de Bleseby Thoma Mustella de Tyryngtona Hugone de Helwella Ricardo Tuscel' [*sic*] de Hainton Ricardo filio Thome Ricardo Frende de eadem Petro de Murrers de Frunthorpa Henrico filio Willelmi de Luforda.

[37] Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Walterus filius Willelmi de Hestrasin ſ salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me concessisse et dedisse conuentui de Sixilla situm unius grangie ad decimam suam imponendam in curia mea quam per liberum seruicium de eodem conuentu teneo in villa de Hestrasyn et liberum introitum et exitum ad carras et carectas suas per curiam meam ad dictam grangeam [*sic*] absque omni impedimento mei uel meorum Preterea concessi eidem conuentui et eorum tenentibus liberum introitum et exitum per portam meam ad domos suas proprias que site sunt iuxta curiam versus orientem Et ad huius rei perpetuam stabilitatem presens scriptum sigillo meo munitum eidem conuentui dignum duxi conferendum . Hiis testibus Radulfo uicario de Rasin Johanne de Claxseby Willelmo de Bleseby Waltero filio Germani de Mensaren Johanne filio Thome Willelmo filio Hamu*n* de eadem Osberto filio Thome de Westrasyn Willelmo fratre suo Rogero filio Willelmi de eadem.

[38] Notum sit cuntis Christi fidelibus quod ego Nicholaus de Wadingham dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et conuentui sancte Marie de Sixle in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram meam in Estrasne et tenementum de feudo Ricardi de Flet quod Willelmus filius Haconis et Thomas filius eius tenuerunt de me hereditario iure et seruicium eorum quod michi fecerunt per annum videlicet dimidiam marcam argenti Hanc autem donacionem et elemosinam feci eis pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum quam eciam elemosinam ego et heredes mei contra omnes homines eis warantizabimus . Huius donacionis testes sunt Radulfus de Caham Paganus canonicus Willelmus de Rumare Willelmus filius Willelmi de Coleuile Walterus Bec Ricardus de Flet Walterus Bek Matteo de Benyngwortha Willelmus de Mundeuille Ricardus de Haltona Dauid de Totingtona Willelmus de Fulleteby Ricardus de Wadingworde Willelmus de Bleseby filius Alexandri Nicholaus persona de Saleby Gilbertus de Angoteby et Hugo filius eius Adam le Mutre Robertus de Caham Wice de Toudebi.

will warrant, acquit, and defend all the aforesaid things as is aforesaid from all things against all men to the aforesaid convent of Sixle for ever as our free, pure, and perpetual alms. In witness whereof I have confirmed the present charter by my seal. [*Henry III.*]

[37] To all who shall see or hear this writing, Walter son of William of East Rasen sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have granted and given to the convent of Sixle the site of one grange, to store their tithe, in my court which I hold of the same convent by free service in the village of East Rasen, and free entry and exit for their waggons and carts through my court to the said grange without any hindrance of me or mine. Further I have granted to the same convent and their tenants free entry and exit through my gate to their own houses situated next the court to the east. And for the perpetual security of this matter I have seen fit to grant this writing, strengthened by my seal, to the same convent. [*Henry III.*]

[38] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ, that I Nicholas of Wadingham have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed, in pure and perpetual alms, to God and the convent of saint Mary of Sixle all my land and tenement in East Rasen of the fee of Richard of Fleet, which William son of Hacon and Thomas his son held of me by hereditary right, and their service which they did to me each year, namely half a mark of silver. Moreover I have made this gift and alms to them for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors, which alms also I and my heirs will warrant to them against all men. [*1153-1162.*]

[39] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Thomas filius Willelmi filii Haconis[1] salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me pro amore dei concessisse dedisse et hac mea carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui monialium canonicorum et fratrum de Sixle in puram et perpetuam elemosinam molendinum meum quod uocatur Brygmyln in territorio de Estrasen et locum illius molendini videlicet illud molendinum quod situm est versus le Est de villa de Rasen cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis tenendum de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete sine omni seculari seruicio et consuetudine Et si famuli mee domus fecerunt molere ibi bladum meum dabunt rectum multram [*sic*] de meo blado Insuper dedi eis duas acras terre deuers le north et deuers lest illius molendini iuxta ad latus ad mansuram suam faciendam uel ad suam vacheriam et duas alias acras terre iuxta stagnum suum ad le su quod voluerint habere Dedi eciam eis pasturam ad decem vaccas et ad unum taurum super illud more et in tertitorio de Estrasen et ad vitulos illarum vaccarum donec vituli habeant tres annos et ad viginti porcos et liberum exitum et introitum ubique per terram meam ad eos et ad aueria sua ad suam vacheriam et mansuram Concessi eciam eis ut capiant sufficientem terram ad stagnum suum emendand*um* [*sic*] de mea terra ubi uoluerint super le mor deuerse le North Concessi eciam eis ut remoueant sedem illius molendini versus le Est vel versus le West ut eis placuerit et ut omnes qui voluerint molere ad illud molendinum libere illuc ueniant et libere discedant undique per terram meam sine aliqua retencione aut vexacione Nec ego nec heredes mei faciemus aliquid vel ante vel retro illud molendinum unde cursus aque impediatur et illud molendinum deterioretur set ut melius poterunt emendabunt illud stagnum et exaltabunt Hec omnia concessi dedi et confirmaui deo beate Marie et conuentui de Sixle in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et Agnetis uxoris mee et pro salute anime Willelmi de Saleby filii et heredis mei cum corpore suo ad coquinam suam ut ex eo imperpetuum emant piscem Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus conuentui et adquietabimus omnia hec de omni re versus omnes homines imperpetuum et ut molendinum illud imperpetuum confirmetur tantum ad piscem emendum conuentui magistro[1] R de Sempyngham assensu tocius conuentus de Sixle hanc donacionem nostram ad piscem emendum instituit cum ecclesiis de Estrasne et de Saleby et firmiter precepit ut unus vel duo pro arbitrio magistri imperpetuum assignentur qui harum duarum ecclesiarum et huius molendini redditus ad terminos suos suscipient et pisces ement et sigilli sui appensione hanc cartam nostram corroborauit Hiis testibus Eudone capellano de Salleby Simone capellano domini Thome Herueio clerico Goslani Euermu Rogero capellano de Sixle Johanne capellano de Teuelles [*sic*] Waltero de Scoteni Willelmo armigero suo Rogero le Despencer Matheo de Haryngtona Willelmo filio Roberti Miruld Radulfo de Malberthorpa Iuone filio Fanegolfi.

[39] To all the faithful of Christ, Thomas son of William son of Hacon sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I for the love of God have granted, given, and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of nuns, canons, and brethren of Sixle my mill called Brygmyln in the territory of East Rasen, and the site of that mill, namely that mill which is situated to the east of the village of[East] Rasen, with all its appurtenances and liberties, to hold of me and my heirs freely and quietly without any earthly service and custom. And if the servants of my house grind my wheat there, they shall give due multure of my wheat. Moreover I have given them two acres of land to the north and to the east of that mill, beside it, to make their dwelling or their vaccary, and two other acres of land to the south of their mill dam to have at their pleasure. I have also given them pasture for ten cows and one bull on the moor and in the territory of East Rasen, and for the calves of those cows until the calves shall be three year's old, and for twenty pigs, and free exit and entry everywhere through my land for them and for their plough beasts to their vaccary and dwelling. I have also granted to them that they may take enough land wherever they wish from my land on the moor towards the north to repair their mill dam. I have also granted to them that they may remove the site of that mill towards the east or west at their pleasure, and that all who wish to grind at that mill may come there and go freely everywhere over my land without any hindrance or vexation; nor will I nor my heirs do anything either before or behind that mill to hinder the flow of water or damage that mill, but they shall mend and raise that mill dam as best they may. All these things I have granted, given, and confirmed to God, blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle in pure and perpetual alms for the safety of my soul and that of Agnes my wife and for the safety of the soul of William of Saleby my son and heir, together with his body, so that with these things they may buy fish for their kitchen for ever. And I and my heirs will warrant all these things to the convent and acquit them from everything against all men for ever. And that that mill may be confirmed for ever to the convent solely for buying fish, Master Roger of Sempringham with the assent of the whole convent of Sixle has appropriated this our gift, together with the churches of East Rasen and Saleby, for the buying of fish, and has firmly enjoined for ever that one or two shall be assigned at the discretion of the master to receive the rents of these two churches and of this mill at their terms and to buy fish, and he has confirmed this our charter by the affixing of his seal. [*Late Henry II or Richard I.*]

[1] *Sic* for *magister*.

[40] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Thomas Scoteney [*sic*] salutem ⁊ Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me attornasse liberos homines meos de media Rasen scilicet Gilbertum Snarry Thome[1] filium Walteri carpentarii Rogerum de Nettiltona Ernisium Aliciam filiam Walteri Willelmum piscatorem Aynerum Galfridum bercarium Radulfum filium Hamundi et heredes suos ut ipsi soluant omnimoda seruicia que modo fiunt vel aliquo modo inposterum michi et heredibus meis accidere poterunt deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixl*a* in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum in quibus michi tenebantur . pro tenemento quod de me tenuerunt in media Rasen Ita quod ego vel aliquis heredum meorum imposterum aliquid iuris uel clamii in dicto tenemento redditu et seruiciis aliquo modo exigere non possimus Ego vero et heredes mei warantizabimus prefatis hominibus et heredibus suis totum tenementum quod de me tenuerunt in villa prenominata pro prenominatis redditu et seruicio conuentui de Sixl*a* caritatiue concessis secundum tenorem carte quam inde habent Et ad huius rei perpetuam securitatem presentem cartam sigillo meo corroboraui Hiis testibus domino Willelmo Burdet et Willelmo de Alneto militibus Willelmo Blanchard de Nettiltona magistris Nicholao de Spondun persona de Bynibroka[2] Henrico de Castra tunc balliuo de Northrehinga Roberto de Baiocis Willelmo de Bleseby Johanne de Claxby.

[41] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Thomas de Scoteney ⁊ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixl*a* in puram et perpetuam elemosinam annuum redditum decem et septem solidorum et duorum denariorum in Media Rasen scilicet de Gilberto Snarry nouem denariorum de Thoma filio Walteri carpentarii decem et quatuor solidorum de Rogero de Nettiltona decem et octo denariorum de Ernisio quinque denariorum de Alicia filia Walteri duorum denariorum de Willelmo piscatore unius denarii de Aynero unius denarii de Galfrido bercario unius denarii de Radulfo filio Hamundi unius denarii cum omnibus aliis seruiciis pertinenciis et euentibus videlicet in homagiis releuiis wardis et excaetis et omnibus aliis que michi vel heredibus meis aliquo modo aliquo casu vel aliquo tempore accidere poterant [*sic*] de predictis hominibus vel heredibus eorum imperpetuum Habendum et tenendum eidem conuentui libere quiete et pacifice sicut aliqua elemosina melius vel liberius ab aliquibus viris religiosis haberi vel teneri poterit imperpetuum Et ego Thomas et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus dictum redditum et seruicium predicto conuentui in omnibus et per omnia sicut predictum est contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et ad huius rei perpetuam securitatem presentem cartam sigillo meo corroboraui Hiis [testibus] dominis Willelmo Burdet et Willelmo de Alneto militibus Willelmo Blanchard de Nettiltona magistris Nicholao de Sponduna

[40] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present charter, Thomas Scoteney sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have attorned my free men of Middle Rasen, namely Gilbert Snarry, Thomas son of Walter the carpenter, Roger of Nettleton, Ernis, Alice daughter of Walter, William the fisherman, Ayner, Geoffrey the shepherd, Ralf son of Hamund, and their heirs in free, pure, and perpetual alms for ever, to pay to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle, as they were bound to me, all manner of services which are now done or may in the future accrue to me and my heirs for the tenement which these men held of me in Middle Rasen, so that neither I nor any of my heirs may in future exact any right or claim in any way in the aforesaid tenement, rent, and services. Moreover, I and my heirs will warrant to the aforesaid men and their heirs the whole tenement which they held of me in the aforenamed village for the aforenamed rent and service, charitably granted to the convent of Sixle, according to the tenor of the charter which they have thereof. And for the perpetual security of this matter I have confirmed the present charter by my seal. [*Henry III.*]

[1] *Sic* for *Thomam.*

[2] Rogero de Hymhingham is inserted here in no. 41, and is required in this place also.

[41] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present charter, Thomas de Scoteney sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle a yearly rent of seventeen shillings and twopence in Middle Rasen, namely from Gilbert Snarry nine pence, from Thomas son of Walter the carpenter fourteen shillings, from Roger of Nettleton eighteen pence, from Ernis five pence, from Alice daughter of Walter two pence, from William the fisherman one penny, from Ayner one penny, from Geoffrey the shepherd one penny, from Ralf son of Hamund one penny, with all other services, appurtenances, and profits, namely in homages, reliefs, wardships, and escheats, and all other things which can accrue to me or my heirs in any way by any chance or at any time from the aforesaid men or their heirs for ever. To have and to hold to the same convent freely, quietly, and peaceably, as any alms may best or most freely be had or held by any religious men for ever. And I Thomas and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the said rent and service in all things and through all things to the aforesaid convent as is aforesaid against all men for ever. And for the perpetual security of this matter I have confirmed the present charter by my seal. [*Henry III.*]

persona de Bynbroka et Rogero de Hymhingham Henrico de Castre tunc balliuo de Northrehinga Roberto de Baiocis de Teuelby Willelmo de Bleseby Johanne de Claxby.

[42] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Beatrix quondam uxor Thome de Scoteney ⁊ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me in libera viduitate mea post mortem dicti Thome quondam viri mei remisisse et de me imperpetuum quiete clamasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla totum ius et clamium quod habui vel aliquo modo habere potui nomine dotis siue aliquo alio iure in omnibus terris pratis et pasturis toftis et croftis redditibus et in omnimodis possessionibus que dictus Thomas de Scoteney quondam uir meus quandocumque in tota vita sua cartis suis eisdem contulit In cuius rei testimonium presentem cartam sigillo meo corroboraui Hiis testibus domino Radulfo vicario de Teuelby domino Ada vicario de Wyflyngham domino Henrico decano de Walescroft Waltero filio Germani de Media Resen Roberto filio Willelmi de Teuelby Willelmo filio Derkyn Waltero Wyles Thoma Sely de Wyflyngham.

[43] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Radulfus filius Ricardi de Haintona ⁊ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me diuine pietatis intuitu et pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum et heredum dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixla in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unum toftum in villa de Haintona cum omnibus pertinenciis suis illum scilicet toftum qui iacet in proximo iuxta toftum Ricardi filii Alani in occidentali parte que [*sic*] tenet de matrice ecclesia Lincoln*iensi* Tenendum et habendum bene et in pace libere et quiete sicut aliqua elemosina liberius vel melius potest dari viris religiosis et ego prefatus Radulfus et heredes mei warantizabimus hunc predictum toftum cum pertinenciis sicut puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram prefato conuentui de Sixla et defendemus de omnibus rebus contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et ut hec mea donacio et confirmacio rata sit et stabilis imperpetuum eam sigillo meo coroboraui Hiis testibus Nicholao tunc capellano de Haintona Roberto de Hotham Willelmo abbate Ricardo fratre eius Willelmo de Wihum clerico filio Alani de Haintona Alano clerico Ricardo filio Alicie.

[44] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Ricardus Tuschet de Heytona ⁊ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me diuine pietatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui monialium de Sixla in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram meam iacentem inter bercariam dictarum monialium de Haytona et chiminum extendens versus Wllingham a magno chimino extendens versus

[42] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present charter, Beatrice widow of Thomas de Scoteney sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that in my free widowhood after the death of the said Thomas my late husband I have released and quitclaimed from me for ever to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle all the right and claim that I had, or in any way could have, in name of dower or by any other title, in all lands, meadows and pastures, tofts and crofts, rents, and in all manner of possessions which the said Thomas de Scoteney my late husband at any time in the whole of his life gave to the same by his charters. In witness whereof I have confirmed the present charter by my seal. [*Henry III.*]

[43] To all the faithful of Christ present and future, Ralf son of Richard of Hainton sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that at the impulse of divine piety and for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors and heirs I have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle, one toft in the village of Hainton with all its appurtenances, namely that toft which lies next on the west to the toft which Richard son of Alan holds of the mother church of Lincoln; to hold and to have well and in peace freely and quietly, as any alms may most freely or best be given to religious men. And I the aforesaid Ralf and my heirs will warrant this aforesaid toft with appurtenances to the aforesaid convent of Sixle as our pure and perpetual alms, and we will defend it from all things against all men for ever. And that this my gift and confirmation may be firm and stable for ever I have confirmed it by my seal. [*Henry III.*]

[44] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present charter, Richard Tuschet of Hainton sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that at the impulse of divine piety, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors, I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the convent of the nuns of Sixle, all my land lying between the sheepfold of the said nuns in Hainton and the road leading to [North] Willingham, from the high

Ludam et inde versus austrum orientali latere curtis dicte bercarie in longum decem et octo perticarum scilicet tam duas partes meas terre quam terciam partem quam matri mee inde contigit in dote ad claudendas et edificandas bercarias ad opus earundem sicut eisdem melius viderint expedire Habendum et tenendum dicto conuentui sicut aliqua elemosina melius vel liberius haberi vel teneri potest ab aliquibus viris religiosis imperpetuum Et ego Ricardus et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietatabimus et defendemus eidem conuentui dictam terram cum libero introitu et exitu cum omnibus libertatibus dicte terre adiacentibus sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram de omnibus contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et ad huius doni mei perpetuam firmitatem presentem cartam sigilli mei inpressione munitam dicto conuentui dignum duxi conferendam Hiis testibus domino Roberto de Hotham Roberto clerico de Wllyngham Roberto de Mustroill' de eadem Ricardo filio Thome de Heyntona Ricardo frende de eadem Willelmo abbate de eadem Alano clerico Johanne Wace de Heymtuna [*sic*] Ricardo abbate de eadem Simone Rat de eadem Ricardo Scrures de eadem et multis aliis.

[45] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Thomas filius Willelmi de Salleby ſ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dedisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixle cum corpore meo quatuor bouatas terre in territorio de Haintona cum toftis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis in villa et extra duas scilicet bouatas cum tofto que fuerunt Hugonis destinade et unam bouatam cum tofto que fuit Alani filii Johannis et unam bouatam cum duobus toftis que fuit Willelmi filii Angeri in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam salua heredibus meis forinseco seruicio Hanc donacionem feci predicto conuentui pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et heredum meorum et omnium antecessorum Hiis testibus Radulfo decano de Haintona Radulfo clerico de Kukewalda Johanne clerico de Soteby Ricardo de Hayntona Ricardo abbate Rogero dispensatore Roberto de Hotham Rogero Punfoll' Matheo.

[46] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Radulfus abbas de Haintona salutem Notum sit uniuersitati vestre quod ego concessi et hac carta mea confirmaui deo et conuentui sanctimonialium de Sixla donacionem quam Willelmus frater et dominus meus fecit eis quando mater nostra recepta fuit in earum consorcium de duabus bouatis terre in territorio de Hayntona et uno tofto que fuerunt Colsawin [*sic*] in puram et perpetuam elemosinam ut eas habeant et teneant imperpetuum sicut aliqua elemosina liberius possidetur sine reclamacione a me et ab heredibus meis sicut carta Willelmi predicti fratris mei testatur qui eandem terram eis dedit et carta domini mei Thome filii Willelmi qui ipsam terram acquietabit eis erga omnes homines de omnibus secularibus seruiciis et omnibus rebus sicut in carta eius continetur . Ipse uero conuentus concessit michi et uxori mee

road leading to Louth, and thence towards the south by the east side of the yard of the said sheepfold, in length eighteen perches; namely as well my two parts of the land as the third part which fell thence to my mother in dower; for enclosing and building sheepfolds for their use as it shall seem best to them. To have and to hold to the said convent as any alms may best or most freely be had or held by any religious men for ever. And I Richard and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the said land to the same convent, with free entry and exit, with all liberties appertaining to the said land, against all men from all things for ever as our free, pure, and perpetual alms. And for the perpetual strengthening of this my gift I have seen fit to convey the present charter protected by the impression of my seal to the said convent. [*Query late Henry III.*]

[45] To all the sons of holy mother church, Thomas son of William of Saleby sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have given and by the present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle together with my body, four bovates of land in the territory of Hainton, with tofts and all their other appurtenances in the village and without, namely two bovates with a toft which were Hugh 'destinade's,' and one bovate with a toft which was Alan son of John's, and one bovate with two tofts which was William son of Anger's, in free and perpetual alms, reserving forinsec service to my heirs. I have made this gift to the aforesaid convent for the safety of my soul and that of my wife and those of my heirs and all my ancestors. [*Late Henry II.*]

[46] To all the faithful in Christ, Ralf abbot of Hainton sends greeting. Be it known to the whole body of you that I have granted and by this my charter confirmed to God and the convent of the nuns of Sixle the gift which William my brother and lord made to them when our mother was received into their fellowship, of two bovates of land in the territory of Hainton and one toft which were Colswain's in pure and perpetual alms; that they may have and hold them for ever as any alms may most freely be possessed, without reclaim by me or by my heirs, as the charter of the aforesaid William my brother who gave that land to them bears witness, and the charter of my lord Thomas son of William, who will acquit that land to them against all men from all secular services and all things as is contained in his charter. Moreover the convent has granted to me and

quod post obitum nostrum sepulturam cum ipsis habebimus et participes erimus omnium bonorum que fiunt in domo eorum [*sic*]et pro nobis fiet in omnibus imperpetuum sicut pro fratre et sorore Hiis testibus Radulfo clerico de Haintona et persona Roberto clerico suo Radulfo milite filio Warini Ricardo filio ipsius et Enisaudo armigero eius.

[47] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Ricardus filius Radulfi Tuschet de Haintona ⁝ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me diuine pietatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixle in puram et perpetuam elemosinam homagium et seruicium Ricardi filii Siwardi de Haintona et heredum suorum quod michi debuit pro duabus bouatis terre et uno tofto que de me tenuit hereditarie in territorio et in villa de Haintona Concessi eciam et dedi eidem conuentui totum ius et dominium quod habui uel aliquo modo habere potui in predicto tenemento scilicet in homagio seruicio warda et releuio et excaeta uel aliquo alio modo Habendum et tenendum dicto conuentui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina melius vel liberius ab aliquibus viris religiosis haberi vel teneri poterit imperpetuum Et ego Ricardus et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus eidem conuentui tenementum prenominatum cum prefatis homagio seruicio warda releuio excaeta et omnibus aliis pertinenciis sicut puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram scilicet de omnibus forinsecis et omnibus aliis que aliquo modo a predicto tenemento exigi poterunt contra omnes homines imperpetuum . Et ut hoc donum meum et concessio mea semper rata et inuiolabilia permaeant [*sic*] presentem cartam inde eidem conuentui confectam sigilli mei inpressione dignum duxi corroborandam . Hiis testibus dominis Roberto de Bretteula Willelmo de Pantona Willelmo Burdette militibus Johanne de Jerpunuilla Willelmo de Bleseby Galfrido fratre eius Thoma Mustela de Tiringtona Roberto Mustrell' Roberto clerico Johanne filio Galfridi de Willingham Willelmo abbate Ricardo filio Thome Ricardo abbate Alano clerico de Haintona.

[48] Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Gracia de Saleby quondam uxor Briani de l'Isle ⁝ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me in mera viduitate et libera potestate mea post mortem dicti Briani quondam viri mei pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla scilicet ad sustentacionem camisiarum monialium in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram tam in terra arabili quam in prato que fuit Rogeri filii Radulfi hominis mei in territorio de Estbarkewrda cum capitali mesuagio eiusdem Rogeri in eadem villa cum omnibus pertinenciis in pratis pascuis pasturis aquis viis semitis et omnibus aliis aisia-

my wife that after our death we shall have a burying place with them and shall be partakers of all the good works which are done in their house, and that for us shall be done for ever in all things as for a brother and a sister. [*Henry II.*]

[47] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present charter, Richard son of Ralf Tuschet of Hainton sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that at the impulse of divine piety for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors and successors I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed, in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle the homage and service of Richard son of Siward of Hainton and his heirs, which he owed to me for two bovates of land and one toft which he held of me hereditarily in the territory and in the village of Hainton. I have also granted and given to the same convent all right and lordship which I had or in any way could have in the aforesaid tenement, namely in homage, service, wardship, and relief, and escheat, or in any other way ; to have and to hold to the said convent in pure and perpetual alms as any alms may best or most freely be had or held by any religious men for ever. And I Richard and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the aforenamed tenement with the aforesaid homage, service, wardship, relief, escheat, and all other appurtenances to the same convent against all men for ever, namely from all forinsec services and from all other things which can be demanded in any manner from the aforesaid tenement, as our pure and perpetual alms. And that this my gift and my grant may always remain firm and inviolable I have seen fit to confirm the present charter, made therein for the same convent, by the impression of my seal. [*Early Henry III.*]

[48] To all who shall see or hear this charter, Grace of Saleby widow of Brian de Insula, sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I, in my full widowhood and free power, after the death of the said Brian my late husband, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed, in free, pure, and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle, namely for the maintenance of the shifts of the nuns, all the land, as well in arable as in meadow, which was Roger son of Ralf my man's in the territory of East Barkwith with the chief messuage of the same Roger in the same village with all appurtenances in meadows, pastures, feedings, waters, ways, paths, and all

mentis et libertatibus dicte terre et mesuagio adiacentibus infra villam et extra que michi esscaetauit [*sic*] per feloniam ab eodem Rogero factam nullo iure clamio vel exaccione vel demanda michi vel heredibus meis de dicta terra vel mesuagio retentis . Tenenda et habenda libere quiete pacifice et integre dicto conuentui sicut aliqua elemosina liberius vel melius ab aliquibus viris religiosis teneri potest vel haberi imperpetuum . Et ego Gracia et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus dictam terram et mesuagium cum omnibus pertinenciis suis prefato conuentui sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram de omnibus rebus demandis et exaccionibus aliquo casu dicte terre vel mesuagio contingentibus contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et ut mea hec donacio rata permaneat et stabilis imperpetuum presentem cartam sigilli mei inpressione roboratam dicto conuentui tradidi in testimonium Hiis testibus Willelmo priore de Bulingt*ona* Ricardo celerario de eadem Simone de Roppele Aluredo de Glentham militibus Philippo de Ascellis tunc uicecomite Lincoln*iensi* Ricardo fratre suo Roberto de Baiocis de Teuelby Willelmo filio Ricardi Ricardo filio Thome de Haintona Adam filio Radulfi de Touyeby[1] Willelmo de Bleseby Roberto de Hotham Johanne de Claxby Willelmo de Tymberlund Thoma Mustella de Tiringtona Roberto Mustrell*a* de Willingham Ricardo Frend de Haintona Thoma de Engleter Hamundo fratre suo .

[49] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Stephanus de Gaunt de Salteby miles ſ salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me pro salute anime mee antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam omnes terras redditus et tenementa cum salinis quecumque habui tam in dominico quam in liberis et villanis infra villam et quatuor diuisis de Wargholm et Germerthorpa Habenda et tenenda eidem conuentui de Sixla libere quiete integre et pacifice sicut aliqua elemosina melius uel liberius haberi vel teneri poterit ab aliquibus viris religiosis cum omnibus pertinenciis suis imperpetuum Et ego Stephanus et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus omnia predicta predicto conuentui de Sixlla sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram de omnibus rebus que aliquo modo aliquo casu aliquo tempore accidere poterunt contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et si aliquid cirograffum inter dictum conuentum et me de dicto tenemento et salinis confectum aliquo aliquo [*sic*] tempore inuentum fuerit nullius sit momenti nulliusque ualoris In cuius rei testimonium presentem cartam sigillo meo roboraui ſ Hiis testibus domino Reginaldo de Gerpenuilla milite Ricardo Tuschet Ricardo filio Thome de Haintona Roberto Hard de Riseby Waltero de Wyuellingham Johanne Marescallo de Teuelby Ricardo de Hotham.

other easements and liberties attached to the said land and messuage, within the village and without, which escheated to me through the felony done by the said Roger, reserving to me or my heirs in the said land or messuage no right, claim, or exaction, or demand. To hold and to have to the said convent freely, quietly, peaceably and completely as any alms may most freely or best be held or had by any religious men for ever. And I, Grace, and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the said land and messuage with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid convent against all men for ever, from all matters, demands, and exactions by any chance touching the said land or messuage, as our free, pure, and perpetual alms. And that this my gift may remain firm and stable for ever I have in evidence delivered to the said convent the present charter strengthened by the impression of my seal. [*Michaelmas 1232-1235.*]

[1] *Rectius* Touþeby.

[49] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present charter, Stephen de Gaunt of Saltby, knight, sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors and successors I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed, in free, pure, and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle all lands, rents, and tenements, with saltpans, which I had as well in demesne as in free men and villeins within the village, and the four boundaries of Wragholme and Grainthorpe. To have and to hold to the same convent of Sixle freely, quietly, completely, and peaceably with all appurtenances for ever, as any alms may best or most freely be had or held by any religious men. And I Stephen and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend all the aforesaid things to the aforesaid convent of Sixle against all men for ever, from all matters which may befall in any manner by any chance at any time as our free, pure, and perpetual alms. And if any indenture made between the said convent and me concerning the said tenement and saltpans shall be found at any time it shall be of no moment and of no value. In witness whereof I have confirmed the present charter by my seal. [*Early Henry III.*]

[50] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Alanus Punchardun' salutem Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixla pro salute mea et meorum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam viginti quatuor acras et unam parcatam terre arabilis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in Kateby et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et aisiamentis et libero introitu et exitu eiusdem ville cum pastura quinquaginta ouium videlicet ex orientali parte eiusdem ville undecim acras et unam parcatam que iacent in hiis locis scilicet due acre in Katedale transuersum semitam de Grinkelthorpa et iuxta Yrcumhilla de bouata quam Mauricius tenuit due acre et tres percate in Flaxdale et in Wilfridale una acra et dimidia et inter viam que iacet versus Witkale et viam que iacet versus Ludam una acra et dimidia . [et] in eadem quarentela dimidia acra Item in eadem quarentela alia dimidia acra et [in] Stainhoufurlang una acra et iuxta viam que iacet versus Ludam ex aquilonali parte iuxta Houum dimidia acra et in Yornedale dimidia acra et in Filegolf versus austrum una acra et una percata Et ex occidentali parte eiusdem ville tresdecim acre que iacent in hiis locis iuxta Marsig in superiori parte una acra et iuxta Holehou ex australi parte culture mee ad Pittes quinque acre [et] transversum Lingate ex orientali parte magne vie tres parcate de bouata quam Toue tenuit et ex aquilonali parte ecclesie de Katebi in valle de bouata quam tenuit Johannes Croi una acra Item ex aquilonari parte de Katehou de bouata quam Mauricius tenuit due acre et iuxta Katehou versus austrum una acra quam Johannes Croy tenuit . et iuxta culturam domini que vocatur Katebywang ex aquilonali parte culture Roberti de Cateby una acra et dimidia Hanc autem elemosinam ego dictus Alanus et heredes mei acquietabimus et defendemus de omni re et warantizabimus prefato conuentui erga omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Ricardo capellano de Wicham Mauricio capellano de Ludefer Johanne Bucointe de Lundonia Willelmo de Grinkelthorpa.

[51] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Rogerus Mustella salutem Sciatis me assensu et consensu domini mei Willelmi de Perci et Willelmi filii mei et heredis et ceterorum heredum meorum dimisisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse in perpetuam feudi firmam conuentui de Sixla totum feudum de Legesby infra villam et extra cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis et quicquid infra quatuor diuisas eiusdem campi continetur salua Radulfo de Odheim occidentali parte nemoris et culture de Leggeshou usque ad diuisam in occidente et comunione in toto Leggeshou et etiam comunione pasture in le mor apud septentrionem de Legeshou sicut carta eius testatur Concessi eciam eis totum feudum meum in Wiflyngham cum omnibus pertinenciis suis infra villam et extra in pratis pasturis et pascuis videlicet sex bouatas terre cum septem toftis et cum tota le Northsokene de predicta villa

[50] To all the faithful of Christ present and future Alan Punchardun sends greeting. Know that for my safety and that of my kin I have given and granted and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle twenty-four acres and one rood of arable land in Cadeby[1] with all their appurtenances and liberties and free customs and easements and with free entry and exit in the same village, and with pasture for fifty sheep: namely on the east side of the same village eleven acres and one rood which lie in these places: namely two acres in Katedale lying across the path from Grimblethorpe, and two acres next Yrcumhill from the bovate which Maurice held, and three roods in Flaxdale, and one acre and a half in Wilfridale, and one acre and a half between the way which lies towards Withcall and the way which lies towards Louth, and half an acre in the same furlong, also another half acre in the same furlong, and one acre in Stainhoufurlong, and half an acre next Houum north of the way which lies towards Louth, and half an acre in Yornedale, and one acre and one rood to the south of Filegolf. And on the west side of the same village thirteen acres which lie in these places; one acre in the higher part next Marsig, and five acres on the south side of my *cultura* at Pittes next Holehou, and three roods from the bovate which Toue held, lying across Lingate on the east side of the high road, and one acre on the north side of the church of 'Kateby' in the valley from the bovate which John Croi held, also two acres on the north of Katehou, from the bovate which Maurice held, and one acre next Katehou on the south which John Croy held, one acre and a half on the north side of the *cultura* of Robert of Cateby next the *cultura* of the lord called Katebywang. Moreover I Alan and my heirs will acquit and defend this alms from everything and will warrant it to the aforesaid convent aganst all men for ever. [*Late Henry II.*]

[1] See Introduction.

[51] To all the sons of holy mother church, Roger Mustel sends greeting. Know that with the assent and consent of my lord William de Perci and of William my son and heir and of my other heirs I have demised and granted and by this my present charter confirmed in perpetual fee farm to the convent of Sixle all the fee of Legsby within the village and without, with all its appurtenances and liberties and whatever is contained within the four boundaries of the same field; reserving to Ralf of Haltham the western part of the grove and *cultura* of Leggeshou as far as the boundary on the west, and common in the whole of Leggeshou, and also common of pasture in the moor to the north of Legeshou as his charter bears witness. I have also granted them all my fee in North Willingham with all its appurtenances within the village and without in meadows, feedings, and pastures, namely six bovates of land with seven tofts and with the whole north soke of the aforesaid village.

Hec omnia warantizabimus eis ego et heredes mei libera et quieta ab omni seculari seruicio erga regem et dominos et omnes homines imperpetuum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro centum solidis per annum scilicet Legesby pro tribus marcis ad pasca et tribus marcis ad festum sancti Michaelis et Wiflingham pro decem solidis ad utrumque festum Tenor huius carte confirmatus est attestacione conuentus de Reuesby sacramento prestito et tactis sacrosanctis in eorum ecclesia in honore dei et beate virginis fundata in manu magistri Gilberti auunculi mei quando suscepit duas filias in ordinem sanctimonialium suarum ut hec omnia fideliter adimplebimus coram hiis testibus Alano Malet Willelmo Goer Willelmo filio Haconis Joslano de Neuilla Roberto de Alnei Serlone le Flemyng Radulfo de Kelesey Roberto de Ormesby Goscelino de Odheim Radulfo filio Haconis.

[52] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Willelmus filius Simonis de Grinkilthorpa ⁊ salutem Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse deo et conuentui monialium canonicorum et fratrum sancte Marie de Sixle in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quicquid auus meus Radulfus eis dederat et Simon pater meus confirmauerat videlicet totam terram quam habuit Radulfus auus meus in Estwicham cum medietate ecclesie eiusdem ville cum omnibus pertinenciis suis Preteria [*sic*] hec concessi eis et confirmaui de dominico meo de Grinkilthorpa quadraginta acras terre in territorio de Cateby videlicet viginti acras ex orientali parte ville in Tofthou et Stainhoufurlanges que protenduntur usque diuisam de Welletune et Kateby Et viginti acras ex occidentali parte ville de Cateby scilicet croftum illud quod est iuxta ecclesiam eiusdem ville in quo sunt quinque acre terre set de una de quinque acris facient toftum suum Relique vero acre sunt inter Michehou et Brigge sic subtus uiam magnam et super aquam de Baine Concessi eciam eis faldam habere in campis de Cateby et pasturam ad centum oues et ad unam carucatam bouum et ad cetera iumenta animalia que numerare non curaui ut porcos et vitulos et huiusmodi Confirmaui eciam eis quicquid habui in sede molendini et stagno eiusdem super aquam de Baine et Briggesic in territorio de Cateby Preterea [*sic*] hoc concessi et confirmaui molendinum meum in territorio de Hunedune quod Willelmus olim tenuit in loco situ quo due aque in unum conueniunt versus occidentem de Hunedune pro quo uidelicet molendino conuentus clamauerunt patri meo et heredibus suis terram de Ahethorpa quietam quam Robertus patruus meus eis diuiserat Dedi et ego eis pro amore dei kersimeram adiacentem stangno illius molendini ab aquilone deforis in longum a molendino usque ad fossatum in transuersum et in latum usque ad viam iuxta culturam meam Dedi eciam eis ut accipiant ad illud stagnum exaltandum sufficient imperpetuum de terra mea versus le su de stangno Et ut exaltent illud stagnum a leuel circumquaque ad altitudinem illius partis stagni versus le su ubi alicuius [*sic*] solet

All these things I and my heirs will warrant to them in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all earthly service against the king, and the lords, and all men for ever, for a hundred shillings yearly; namely Legsby for three marks at Easter and three marks at the feast of saint Michael, and Willingham for ten shillings at either feast. The tenor of this charter has been confirmed, so that we shall faithfully fulfil all these things, by the attestation of the convent of Revesby, an oath having been taken, and the sacred gospels touched, in their church founded in honour of God and the blessed Virgin, in the hand of master Gilbert my uncle when he received my two daughters into the order of his nuns. [*Circa 1150.*]

[52] To all the faithful of Christ, William son of Simon of Grimblethorpe sends greeting. Know that I have granted and confirmed in pure and perpetual arms to God and the convent of nuns, canons, and brethren of saint Mary of Sixle, whatever Ralf my grandfather gave and Simon my father confirmed to them, namely all the land which Ralf my grandfather had in East Wykeham with a moiety of the church of the same village with all its appurtenances. Further I have granted and confirmed to them from my demesne of Grimblethorpe forty acres of land in the territory of Cadeby, namely twenty acres on the east side of the village in Tofthou and Stainhoufurlanges which stretch as far as the boundary of Welton and Cadeby. And twenty acres on the west side of the village of Cadeby, namely that croft which is next the church of the same village in which there are five acres of land, but from one of the five acres they shall make their toft. The remaining acres are between Michehou and Briggesic, below the high road and on the river Bain. I have also granted to them to have their fold in the fields of Cadeby, and pasture for a hundred sheep, and for one plough-team of oxen, and for other animals which I have not cared to number, as swine, calves, and such animals. I have also confirmed to them whatever I had in the site of the mill and in its dam on the river Bain and Briggesic in the territory of Cadeby. In addition to this I have granted and confirmed my mill in the territory of Hundon which William formerly held, set to the west of Hundon in the place where the two rivers meet, for which, namely for the mill, the convent have quitclaimed to my father and his heirs the land of Authorpe which Robert my father's brother had devised to them. I have also given them for the love of God the 'kersimera' belonging to the dam of that mill stretching in length from the north outside the mill crosswise to the ditch, and in breadth as far as the way next my *cultura*. I have also granted them for ever that they may take enough from my land to the south of that dam to raise it, and that they may raise that dam on all sides level with the height

esse stagnum id est ubi cardini solent crescere non longe a molendino Concessi eciam ut remouent sedem molendini ad suam utilitatem deuersus le est et ad molendinum venientibus et molentibus liberum venire et abire per terram meam ex omni parte Hec omnia cum pertinenciis suis concessi et confirmaui et sigilli mei appensione coroboraui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libera et quieta ab omni seculari seruicio consuetudine et exaccione assensu Hugonis Malet domini mei Et ego et heredes mei post me warantizabimus et manutenebimus hec omnia prefato conuentui de Sixle erga reges et dominos et omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Johanne priore de Nouo Loco Hugone Malet de Ireby Roberto Ribale Radulpho Malet filio Hugonis Petro camberlano Romfar Poer Ranulfo de Braidele.

[53] Notum sit omnibus Christianis quod ego Supir de Baiocis assensu Willelmi filii mei et aliorum heredum meorum necnon et concensu Matildis uxoris mee concessi et dedi et hac carta mea confirmaui in perpetuam elemosinam cenobio sancte Marie de Sixle et ibidem deo seruientibus cum Helewasa filia mea quam Gilbertus de Sempingham magister eorum ad sanctimonialem faciendam suscepit unam bouatam terre in Est Wicham cum tofto et omnibus pertinenciis suis infra villam et extra et in omnibus locis illam scilicet quam Lofwinus olim tenuit liberam et quietam ab omni seruicio consuetudine et exaccione et ab omni seculari re prout aliqua elemosina liberius dari potuerit Et hanc predictam bouatam cum omnibus pertinenciis suis acquietabimus et guarantizabimus ego et heredes mei prefato cenobio de Sixle contra reges et dominos et omnes homines imperpetuum Huius mee donacionis testes sunt Willelmus presbiter de Tiringtun Landric clericus Alexander clericus Rogerus Arsic Ricardus Trussebut Ricardus de Flet Walterus de Scoteni Hernaldus de Wadingham Johannes frater eius Hugo de Greinesby Hugo de Torennei Simon filius Radulphi Herbertus filius Hugonis Eustachius de Chateby Radulfus de Munby Martinus de Baius Walterus de Arches Iuo filius Osberti.

[54] Notum sit omnibus ecclesie fidelibus tam presentibus quam futuris me Aeliz de Croun concessu Willelmi nepotis mei de Lindesey dedisse sanctimonialibus et fratribus de Sixle et in perpetuam elemosinam concessisse totam terram meam de Wicham et omnem possessionem meam eiusdem ville in ecclesia in molendino in pratis et pasturis et in terra arabili sine aliquo retentu vel dimissione et duas bouatas in Ludeforda Hanc donacionem Mauricius de Croun nepos meus et dominus pro anima patris sui et pro sua suorumque salute in perpetuam elemosinam concessit et liberam ab omni humano seruicio quietam suo sigillo confirmauit Huius rei testes sunt Robertus episcopus Lincoln*iensis* Warinus abbas de Byham Wlfricus sacerdos de Brune Iuo de Asewrdeby Thomas de Rocebi

of that part of the dam towards the south where the dam used to be, that is where teasles used to grow not far from the mill. I have also granted that they may remove the site of the mill to the east at their convenience and that those coming to grind at the mill may freely come and go through my land from every direction. All these things with their appurtenances I have granted and confirmed in pure and perpetual alms and corroborated by affixing my seal, free and quit from all earthly service, custom, and exaction with the assent of Hugh Malet my lord. And I and my heirs after me will warrant and maintain all these things to the aforesaid convent of Sixle against kings and lords and all men for ever. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[53] Be it known to all Christians that I Supir de Bayeux with the assent of William my son and of my other heirs and also with the consent of Maud my wife have granted and given and by this my charter confirmed in perpetual alms to the monastery of saint Mary of Sixle and the servants of God there, with Heloise my daughter whom Gilbert of Sempringham their master has received to make a nun, one bovate of land in East Wykeham with a toft and all its appurtenances within the village and without and in all places, namely that which Leofwine formerly held, free and quit from all service, custom, and exaction, and from every earthly matter, as any alms may most freely be given. And I and my heirs will acquit and warrant the aforesaid bovate with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid monastery of Sixle against kings, and lords, and all men for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[54] Be it known to all the faithful of the Church as well present as future that I Aeliz de Craon with the consent of William of Lindsey my grandson have given to the nuns and brethren of Sixle and granted in perpetual alms all my land of Wykeham and all my possession in the same village in the church, in the mill, in meadows, and feedings, and in arable land without any reservation or exception, and two bovates in Ludford. Maurice de Craon my grandson and lord has granted this gift in perpetual alms and confirmed it with his seal free and quit from all human service for the soul of his father and for his own safety and that of his kin. [*1147-1166.*]

Baldewinus filius Gilberti Radulfus de la Haie Radulfus Daincurt Osbertus de Boebi et Guido frater eius Rodbertus de Roppesle Radulphus frater eius Rodbertus de Limini Robertus de Punitune et Rogerus frater eius Robertus filius Goebold Osbertus de Sumerdby.

[55] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Supirus filius Willelmi de Baiocis[?] salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum et heredum confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam omnes terras et possessiones et redditus tam in ecclesiis quam in aliis rebus deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixila quas auus meus Supirus de Baiocis et omnes alii antecessores mei eidem conuentui de Sixila dederunt et cartis suis confirmauerunt Et ut hec mea confirmacio rata sit et stabilis imperpetuum eam sigillo meo coroboraui Hiis testibus Alexandro capellano de Wicham Willelmo de Baiocis Roberto de Mundeuilla Ada persona de Baiocis Ada herede meo Roberto de Baiocis Roberto de Kateby Radulpho Malet Alano clerico de Wiflingham Willelmo de Lincoln*ia* Alano fratre eius.

[56] Notum sit omnibus hominibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Willelmus Malet de Lindewode concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus domus de Sixle et earum fratribus clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam omnes donaciones concessiones et confirmaciones quascumque antecessores mei vel aliquis alius eisdem fecerunt de feodo meo de uniuersis terris et tenementis redditibus et seruiciis pratis molendinis pascuis et pasturis in villis et in territoriis de Wicham Kateby et Thewelby et quicquid habent de feodo meo infra quatuor diuisas de Nettiltona Herdwyk Wycham et Hundun et seruicium Roberti filii Thome de Herdwyk et heredum suorum cum prato que vocatur Langheng Concessi eciam et confirmaui eisdem in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totum boscum quod habent de feodo meo in territorio de Leggesby cum fossatis circumquaque factis seu faciendis in latitudine viginti pedum scilicet decem pedum ad fossatum et decem pedum ad chiminum ab exteriori arbore nemoris Habendum et tenendum predictis sanctimonialibus et earum fratribus in liberam et puram elemosinam absque omni seculari seruicio exaccione et demanda Et ego Willelmus et heredes mei warantizabimus omnes predictas concessiones donaciones et confirmaciones quascumque habent de feodo meo ut predictum est predictis sanctimonialibus et earum fratribus sicut puram et perpetuam elemosinam de omnibus rebus imperpetuum contra omnes homines . Hanc vero confirmacionem feci eisdem sanctimonialibus quando concesserunt michi caritative unam liberacionem in domo sua de Sixile in tota vita mea . Hiis testibus domino Roberto de Hotham Gileberto de Horteyes de Thewelby Roberto filio Willelmi de eadem Willelmo Pollard

[55] To all the faithful of Christ, Supir son of William de Bayeux sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors and heirs I have confirmed in pure and perpetual arms, to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle all lands, possessions, and rents, as well in churches as in other things, which my grandfather Supir de Bayeux and all my other ancestors gave and confirmed by their charters to the same convent of Sixle. And that this my confirmation may be firm and stable for ever I have corroborated it by my seal. [*Early thirteenth century.*]

[56] Be it known to all men as well present as future, that I William Malet of Lyndwood have granted and by this my present charter confirmed, in pure and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of the house of Sixle and their brethren, clerk and lay, all gifts, grants, and confirmations which my ancestors or any other person made to them from my fee in all lands, tenements, rents, and services, meadows, mills, pastures, and feedings, in the villages and in the territories of Wykeham, Cadeby, and Tealby, and whatever they have of my fee within the four boundaries of Nettleton, Hardwick, Wykeham, and Hundon, and the service of Robert son of Thomas of Hardwick and his heirs, with the meadow which is called Langheng. I have also granted and confirmed to the same in pure and perpetual alms all the wood which they have of my fee in the territory of Legsby with the ditches made or to to be made on all sides twenty feet broad from the outermost tree of the wood, namely ten feet to make a ditch and ten feet to make a way. To have and to hold to the aforesaid nuns and their brethren in free and pure alms free from all worldly service, exaction, and demand. And I William and my heirs will warrant to the aforesaid nuns and their brethren all the aforesaid grants, gifts, and confirmations which they have of my fee, as is aforesaid, from all things against all men for ever as pure and perpetual alms. Moreover I have made this confirmation to the same nuns when they charitably granted me a livery in their house of Sixle for the whole of my life. [*Early thirteenth century.*]

Alano clerico de Wiflingham Waltero Wyles de eadem Willelmo filio Gilberti de Ludforda Willelmo filio Ricardi de eadem et multis aliis.

[57] Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Robertus ad portam ecclesie de Huntona [*sic*] salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me diuine pietatis intuitu concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam quicquid habent de feodo meo infra quatuor diuisas de Houtona et de Bekerynga tam in terris quam in pratis pascuis et comunis et aliis libertatibus infra villam et extra Tenendum et habendum predicto conuentui ita libere et quiete ab omni seculari seruicio sicut aliqua elemosina melius vel liberius teneri poterit vel haberi ab aliquibus viris religiosis imperpetuum Et ego Robertus et heredes mei omnia predicta ut predictum est de omnibus contra omnes warantizabimus adquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum In cuius rei testimonium huic scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Philippo de Merella Ada fratre eius Waltero de Wyflyngham Johanne atte Bec de Houtona Rogero Scot de eadem et aliis.

[58] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Willelmus de Houtona filius Ade de Buttewerk de Linno[?] salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me diuine pietatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram meam quam habui in villis et in territoriis de Houtona et Lissyngtona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis Et quicquid iuris habui vel habere potui et quicquid michi vel heredibus meis in dictis villis et in territoriis iuris aliquo modo aliquo casu accidere possit imperpetuum Habendum et tenendum eidem conuentui libere quiete bene pacifice et integre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis sicut aliqua elemosina melius vel liberius haberi vel teneri possit ab aliquibus viris religiosis imperpetuum saluis tamen dominiis [*sic*] feodi debitis seruiciis et assuetis . Et ego Willelmus et heredes mei warantizabimus adquietabimus et defendemus predictam terram cum omnibus pertinenciis suis predicto conuentui sicut predictum est de omnibus contra omnes imperpetuum Et ut hoc donum meum stabile imperpetuum permaneat presentem cartam sigilli mei inpressione coroboratam eidem conuentui inde tradidi testimonialem. Hiis testibus Waltero filio Alani clerici de Wiflingham Ricardo de Hotham Paulino de Keuermund Ricardo Baren de Theuelby Alano Wyles Rogero Derkyn de Wyflingham.

[57] To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present writing shall come, Robert at the door of the church of Holton sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that at the impulse of divine piety I have granted and by this my present charter confirmed in free, pure, and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle, whatever they have of my fee within the four boundaries of Holton and Beckering, as well in lands as in meadows, pastures, and commons, and other liberties within the village and without. To hold and to have to the aforesaid convent as free and quit from all earthly service as any alms may best or most freely be held by any religious men for ever. And I Robert and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend all the aforesaid things, as is aforesaid, from all things against all men for ever. In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this writing. [*Henry III.*]

[58] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present charter, William of Holton son of Adam of the Buttewerk of Lynn[1] sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that at the impulse of divine piety, for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed, in free, pure, and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle all my land which I had in the villages and territories of Holton and Lissington with all their appurtenances, and whatever right I had or could have, and whatever might accrue to me or my heirs for ever in the said villages and territories. To have and to hold to the said convent freely, quietly, well, peaceably, and completely, with all its appurtenances, as any alms may best or most freely be had or held by any religious men for ever, reserving nevertheless to the lords of the fee the services due and accustomed. And I William and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the aforesaid land with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid convent, as is aforesaid, from all things, against all men for ever. And that this my gift may remain stable for ever I have conveyed the present charter, confirmed by the impression of my seal, to the same convent in witness thereof. [*Henry III.*]

[1] This is a difficult phrase. It is quite possible that the *Linno* of nos. 58 and 59 is an error for *Linc.*, in which case it would refer to the region outside the walls of Lincoln known by the name of Buttewerk, preserved in the parish name of St. Clement in Buttewerk. But a name of this kind may arise upon a site outside the walls of any defensive town: it means 'outside the work.' There was an area conversely called Binnewerk, 'within the work' at Stamford, and there very well may have been a Buttewerk at King's Lynn. The double *n* of *Linno* is against the identification of this name with Lincoln.

[59] Omnibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Galfridus filius Ade de Buteuerka in Linno salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me diuine pietatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et meorum concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixil in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam omnes terras et possessiones redditus et tenementa que Willelmus frater meus habuit in villis et in territoriis de Houtona de Bekerynga de Lyssingtona sine aliquo retenemento . Habend*um* et tenend*um* eidem conuentui libere bene pacifice integre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis libertatibus infra uillas et extra sicut aliqua elemosina melius uel liberius haberi vel teneri potest ab aliquibus viris religiosis imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim dominis feodi seruicium inde debitum Et ego Galfridus et heredes mei warantizabimus adquietabimus et defendemus predicto conuentui omnia predicta sicut liberam et perpetuum elemosinam nostram de omnibus contra omnes imperpetuum Et ut hoc donum meum stabile et inmouabile imperpetuum permaneat presentem cartam sigilli mei inpressione roboratam eidem conuentui inde tradidi testimonialem . Hiis testibus domino Ada vicario de Wyflingham Roberto Hardi de Riseby Ricardo filio Thome de Haintona Willelmo abbate de eadem Alano Vesce de Tiryngtona Waltero filio Alani de Wiflingham.

[60.] Notum sit uniuersis sancte matris ecclesis filiis tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Radulphus le Noreis concensu pariter et consensu uxoris mee et heredum meorum concessi et dedi fratribus et sanctimonialibus de Sixla quindecim percatas prati in latitudine cum uniuersa longitudine eidem prato pertinente et hoc scilicet de propriis pratis meis in campis de Hoetun que Sudholnes [*sic*] dicuntur in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libere et quiete ab omni seculari seruicio possidendas . Hanc igitur donacionem fateor me principaliter fecisse pro dei amore et sancte genitricis sue perpetue virginis Marie pro saluacione anime patris et matris mei et mee ipsius uxoris mee et natorum attque [*sic*] omnium parentum meorum specialiter tam pro anima Pagani aui mei et Emme uxoris sue et tandem pro animabus omnium antecessorum eorum atque meorum Et ego et uniuersi parentes et cognati mei participes fieri mereamur salubriter omnium beneficiorum que in predicto cenobio de Sixila a fratribus et sanctimonialibus eiusdem cenobii fiunt Ego quidem et heredes mei acquietabimus et guarantizabimus illam predictam donacionem eisdem fratribus et sanctimonialibus de Sixla contra omnes acciones seculares et consuetudines ea propter ut huius mee donacionis beneficia firma et immutabilia stare imperpetuum valeant presentis sigilli mei testimonio me illa corroborare omnimodis tore utile discerni . Huius rei testes sunt Willelmus sacerdos de Seuerby Harpinus sacerdos de Houresby Adam de Rodwell Ricardus filius Willelmi de Cuchewald Willelmus clericus de Chiringtona Adam clericus filius Rogeri de Becheby Willelmus

[59] To all who shall see or hear the present charter, Geoffrey son of Adam of the Buttewerk of Lynn[1] sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that at the impulse of divine piety for the safety of my soul and the souls of my kin I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed, in free, pure, and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle, all the lands and possessions, rents and tenements, which William my brother had in the villages and in the territories of Holton, Beckering, and Lissington, without any reservation; to have and to hold to the same convent freely, well, peaceably, and completely with all their appurtenances and liberties within the villages and without, as any alms may best or most freely be had or held by any religious men for ever, rendering thence yearly to the lords of the fee the service due therefrom. And I, Geoffrey, and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend all the aforesaid things to the aforesaid convent as our free and perpetual alms from all things against all men for ever. And that this my gift may remain firm and immovable for ever I have conveyed the present charter strengthened by the impression of my seal, to the same convent in witness thereof.

[1] See no. 58 note.

[60.] Be it known to all the sons of holy mother church as well present as future that I Ralf le Noreis, alike with the compliance and consent of my wife and my heirs, have granted and given to the brethren and nuns of Sixle the breadth of fifteen perches of meadow with the whole length belonging to the same meadow, and this, namely, out of my own meadows in the fields of Holton, which are called Sudholnes, to possess in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all earthly service. And so I confess that I have made this gift chiefly for the love of God and his holy mother the ever virgin Mary, for the salvation of the souls of my father and mother and of my own soul and that of my wife and those of my children and of all my kin, and especially for the souls of Pagan my grandfather and Emma his wife, and finally for the souls of all my ancestors and kin. And let me and all my kinsfolk and relatives deserve to be made partakers of all the good works that are done in the aforesaid monastery of Sixle by the brethren and nuns of the same monastery. I, moreover, and my heirs will acquit and warrant that aforesaid gift to the same brethren and nuns of Sixle against all wordly suits and customs. To the end that the benefits of this my gift may stand firm and immutable for ever I have thought fit in every way to confirm them by the witness of my seal. [*Henry II.*]

de Elesham Alanus filius Godardi de Claxiby Ulchil Toller de Grimesby Bernardus filius Igghe Galfridus frater Adam de Rodewella Paganus Blaunchard Radulfus de Giford Willelmus filius Ricardi de Buslingthorpa Hosbertus Huluer de Castra Willelmus filius Normanni de Sixla Willelmus filius Hulf de Herdwic Paganus filius Alfare de Neteltunia Hugo filius Rodberti.

[61] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Willelmus de Iseni salutem Sciatis quod ego Willelmus et uxor mea Beatrix et omnes heredes mei dedimus et quietum clamauimus et hac carta nostra confirmauimus deo et sancte Marie et monialibus de Sixle et fratribus [*sic*] earum clericis et laicis humagia Dauid et Roberti fratris eius filiorum Gladuini de Stapelforda cum omni posteritate sua in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Hec autem feci pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et heredum meorum et pro animabus antecessorum meorum Hiis testibus Torstano capellano fratre Roberto de Wittun fratre Helia de Walecote fratre Henrico de Proxstun Reginaldo Diacono Mauricio Rogero et Hugone et Willelmo filiis Hugonis de Cranewella Rogero de Blancheneye Radulpho de Munteni Alano de Loges Edwardo pellipario.

[62] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam uisuris uel audituris Simon le [*sic*] Creuker filius Alexandri le [*sic*] Creuker de Hakthona ⁝ salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas uestra me pro salute anime[1] et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum pro me et heredibus meis ratum et gratum habuisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla donum quod Philippus de Timberlanda eidem conuentui de Sixilla carta sua contulit videlicet de feodo unius militis in Bleseby in Houttona et in Bekerynga quod de me aliquando tenuit Habendum et tenendum memorato conuentui libere et integre in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum faciendo mihi et heredibus meis inde scutagium tantumodo pro omnibus cum contigerit scilicet quando plus . plus . et quando minus minus in domo de Sixilla percipiendum Preterea noueritis me pro me et heredibus meis remisisse et quietum clamasse et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui eidem conuentui in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam omnia alia iura que ad me vel heredes meos aliquo modo aliquo casu aliquo opere inde pertinere solebant vel potuerunt videlicet in wardis releuiis excaetis et omnimoda secta et eciam in filio meo milite faciendo vel filiam meam maritando et heredum meorum et omnes alias exacciones iuris vel clamii que michi inde contigere possent saluo michi et heredibus meis scutagio tantum modo cum contigerit ut predictum est Pro hac autem confirmacione relaxacione remissione et quieta clamacione predictus conuentus dedit michi in magnis et arduis necessitatibus meis centum solidos sterlingorum Et ut hec mea confirmacio remissio et quieta clamacio rate et

[61] To all the sons of holy mother church, William de Iseni sends greeting. Know that I William and my wife Beatrice and all my heirs have given and quitclaimed and by this our charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and saint Mary and the nuns of Sixle and their brethren, clerk and lay, the homages of David and Robert his brother, sons of Gladwin of Stapleford, with all their posterity. Moreover I have done this for the safety of my soul and that of my wife and those of my heirs, and for the souls of my ancestors. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[62] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present charter, Simon de Crevequer son of Alexander de Crevequer of Hackthorn sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors and successors I have ratified and approved for myself and my heirs and by this my present charter have confirmed in free and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle, the gift which Philip of Timberland gave to the same convent of Sixle by his charter, namely of one knight's fee in Bleasby, in Holton, and in Beckering, which at one time he held of me. To have and to hold to the said convent freely and completely, in free and perpetual alms for ever, rendering only to me and my heirs thence for all things scutage when it falls due, namely to take when it is more, more and when it is less, less, in the house of Sixle. Moreover know that for myself and my heirs I have remitted and quitclaimed and by this my present charter confirmed to the same convent in free and perpetual alms all other rights which used to belong or could belong to me or my heirs therein, in any mannerr by any chance, from any matter, namely in wardships, reliefs, escheats, and all manner of suits, and also from all exactions for making my son a knight or marrying my daughter, and from the exactions of my heirs, and from all other exactions of right or claim which could accrue to me therefrom, reserving only to me and my heirs therefrom scutage when it falls due, as is aforesaid. Moreover the aforesaid convent has given to me in my great and urgent necessities a hundred shillings of sterlings for this confirmation, release, remission and quitclaim. And that this my confirmation,

stabiles imperpetuum permaneat presentem cartam sigilli mei inpressione munitam eidem conuentui inde tradidi testimonialem Hiis testibus domino Rogero de Jerpunvylla milite Thoma Mustello de Teryngtona Roberto Hardy de Reseby Ricardo filio Thome de Haintona Radulpho de Orteis de Theuelby Henrico West Henrico de Hellou de Luddeforda Waltero filio Alani de Wylingham Rogero Derkyn de eadem villa.

[63] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Walterus filius Petri clerici de Houtona ſ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me diuine pietatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et meorum concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Sixilla in puram et perpetuam elemosinam annuum redditum decem et octo denariorum in Houtona de Beatrice filia mea et heredibus suis annuatim percipiendum quos dicta Beatrix et heredes sui michi debeant [*sic*] pro tenemento quod de me in villa et in territorio de Houtona habebant . Habendum et tenendum eidem conuentui in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina melius vel liberius haberi vel teneri poterit ab aliquibus viris religiosis imperpetuum videlicet nouem denarios ad pasca et nouem denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis et quicquid iuris habui in dicto tenemento et redditu ita quidem ut nec ego Walterus nec aliquis heredum meorum vel successorum meorum in prenominato redditu et tenemento aliquid iuris vel clamii in posterum nobis exigere vel vendicare poterimus imperpetuum Et ego Walterus et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus predictum redditum cum pertinenciis sicut predictum est predicto conuentui sicut puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam nostram de omnibus contra omnes imperpetuum Et ut hoc donum meum stabile et inuiolabile permaneat presentem cartam sigillo meo munitam eidem conuentui inde tradidi testimonialem Hiis testibus Willelmo de Bleseby Radulfo de Haulay de Houtona Ricardo filio Thome de Haintona Waltero filio Alani de Wiflingham Rogero Derki*n* de eadem Ricardo de Hotham.

[64] Henricus dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum et Acquitanorum et[1] comes Andegauorum archiepiscopis episcopis iustic*iariis* comitibus vicecomitibus baronibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis tocius Anglie salutem Sciatis me suscepisse sub manu et proteccione mea illam domum sanctimonialium canonicorum et fratrum que vocatur Sixla tam futurorum quam presencium ibidem sub custodia magistri Gilberti de Sempingham deo seruiencium et omnes donaciones elemosinarum que eis facte sunt presenti carta mea confirmasse In primis igitur dignum duxi elemosinam meam exprimere et predicte domui confirmare et corroborare videlicet totum tenementum quod Yvo filius Aldani tenuit in Nettiltona quod fuit de kaeta [*sic*] mea cum tercia parte ecclesie eiusdem ville cum

remission, and quitclaim may remain firm and stable for ever I have delivered the present charter protected by the impression of my seal, to the same convent in witness thereof. [*Henry III.*]

[1] Supply *mee*.

[63] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present charter, Walter son of Peter the clerk of Holton sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that at the impulse of divine piety for the safety of my soul and the souls of my kin I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed, in pure and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Sixle, to take a yearly rent of eighteen pence in Holton, from Beatrice my daughter and her heirs, which (pence) the said Beatrice and her heirs owe to me for the tenement which they had of me in the village and in the territory of Holton. To have and to hold to the same convent in free, pure, and perpetual alms as any alms may best or most freely be had or held by any religious men for ever, namely nine pence at Easter and nine pence at the feast of saint Michael, and whatever right I had in the said tenement and rent, so that neither I Walter nor any of my heirs can demand or assert any right or claim in the aforenamed rent and tenement at any future time. And I Walter and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the aforesaid rent with its appurtenances as is aforesaid to the aforesaid convent from all things against all men for ever, as our free, pure, and perpetual alms. And that this my gift may remain stable and inviolable I have conveyed the present charter, protected by my seal, to the same convent in evidence. [*Early thirteenth century.*]

[64] Henry by the grace of God king of the English and duke of the Normans and Acquitainians and count of the Angevins to the archbishops, bishops, justices, earls, sheriffs, barons, ministers, and all his faithful people of the whole of England, sends greeting. Know that I have taken under my hand and protection the house which is called Sixle of nuns canons and brethren, as well future as present, there serving God under the guardianship of master Gilbert of Sempringham, and by my present charter have confirmed all gifts of alms which have been made to them. In the first place therefore I have seen fit to express, confirm, and corroborate my alms to the aforesaid house, namely the whole tenement which Ivo son of Alden held in Nettleton which was of my escheat with the third part of the church of the same village

omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis Ex dono Willelmi filii Haconis unam carucatam terre in territorio de Sixla et ecclesiam eiusdem ville cum pertinenciis in Haintona dimidiam bouatam et unum molendinum in territorio de Teflesby et in Neteltona quinque bouatas ad utuare cum sexta parte ecclesie eiusdem ville et duas bouatas in Wiflingham cum Engecroft et unum toftum Ex dono Lamberti de Scoten [*sic*] in territoria [*sic*] de Sixla quinque bouatas terre cum pertinenciis suis et duos boscos in territorio de Kynthorpa scilicet Mikelhage et Scortes . Ex dono Willelmi Trussebut et Galfridi filii eius partem suam de bosco de Scortes Ex dono Mauricii de Croun medietatem ville de West Wikham cum pertinenciis suis et medietatem ecclesie eiusdem ville et dimidiam carucatam terre in Ludeforda cum pertinenciis suis Ex dono Radulphi filii Haconis duas bouatas terre in Est Wikham cum medietate ecclesie eiusdem ville . Ex dono Supiri de Baiocis aliam medietatem ecclesie eiusdem ville et unam bouatam terre cum pertinenciis suis Ex dono Simonis filii Radulfi quadraginta acras et dimidium molendinum in territorio de Kateby et unum molendinum in Huneduna Ex dono Hugonis de Baiocis ecclesiam de Kateby cum capellis suis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis et boscum quod appellatur Flidwode in territorio de Lindewode et sexaginta acras in territorio de Thoresweie et duas partes molendini sui super aquam de Teflesby Ex dono Walteri de Scoteni et Willelmi Guer et Willelmi filii Mathei ecclesiam de Wiflingham cum pertinenciis suis et quicquid habent de feodo eorum in eadem villa sicut carte eorum testantur Ex dono Roberti filii Roberti ecclesiam de Leggesby et totam villam de Leggesby sicut carte ipsius Roberti testantur et totam terram suam in Wiflyngham Ex dono Jocelini de Luvan fratris regine ecclesiam sancte Elene de Ludeforda et totum tenementum quod habuit in villa et in territorio de Wiflingham sicut carte eius testantur . Et quod Agnes de Percy in viduitate sua eis concessit et confirmauit et illud tenementum predicte ipsius Agnetis eis confirmaui et corroboraui ut habeant et possideant libere et quiete prout carte eorum testantur . Ex dono Willelmi filii Rogeri ecclesiam de Tefleby et de Walesby cum pertinenciis suis et unum molendinum in villa de Tefleby et totum tenementum quod habent de eo in eadem villa prout carte ipsius testantur ; et totum tenementum quod Radulphus de Braibo tenuit in eadem villa de Teflesby . Ex dono Hugonis Malet duas bouatas terre in Rodwella cum uno tofto Ex dono Willelmi Blanchard' viginti acras . Ex dono Rogeri Grucan triginta acras cum uno molendino et uno tofto sicut carte eorum testantur . Ex dono Alani et Hugonis Malet boscum suum de Lindewode quod vocatur Houberges . et partem suam de quodam molendino super aquam de Teflesby . Ex dono Alberti Grellei duas bouatas terre cum uno tofto in Haintona et quicquid eis dedit in territorio de Haintona et de Sixla sicut carte carte eius testantur . Et quicquid Dionisius de Sixil eis dedit et carta sua confirmauit . Ex dono Radulphi filii Warini quindecim acras in territorio de Haintona et

and all its other appurtenances. From the gift of William son of Hacon one carucate of land in the territory of Sixle and the church of the same village with appurtenances; in Hainton half a bovate, and one mill in the territory of Tealby, and in Nettleton five bovates 'ad utware' with the sixth part of the church of the same village, and two bovates in Willingham with Engecroft and one toft: from the gift of Lambert de Scoteni in the territory of Sixle five bovates of land with their appurtenances and two woods in the territory of Kingthorp namely Mikelhage and Scortes: from the gift of William Trussebut and Geoffrey his son their part of the wood of Scortes: from the gift of Maurice de Craon half the village of West Wykeham with its appurtenances and half the church of the same village, and half a carucate of land in Ludford with its appurtenances: from the gift of Ralf son of Hacon two bovates of land in East Wykeham with half the church of the same village: from the gift of Supir de Bayeux the other half of the church of the same village and one bovate of land with its appurtenances: from the gift of Simon son of Ralf forty acres and half a mill in the territory of Kateby and one mill in Hundon: from the gift of Hugh de Bayeux the church of Kateby with its chapels and all other appurtenances, and the wood called Flidwode in the territory of Lynwode, and sixty acres in the territory of Thoresway, and two parts of his mill on the water of Tealby: from the gift of Walter de Scoteni and William Guer and William son of Matthew the church of [North] Willingham with its appurtenances and whatever they have of the fee of these men in the same village as their charters bear witness: from the gift of Robert son of Robert the church of Legsby and the whole village of Legsby as the charters of the same Robert bear witness, and all his land in Willingham: from the gift of Jocelin de Louvain, the queen's brother, the church of saint Helen of Ludford, and all the tenement which he had in the village and in the territory of Willingham as his charters bear witness: and that which Agnes de Percy in her widowhood granted and confirmed to them, and that tenement of the aforesaid Agnes I have confirmed and corroborated to them that they have and possess it freely and quietly as their charters bear witness: from the gift of William son of Roger the church of Tealby and of Walesby with their appurtenances and one mill in the village of Tealby and the whole tenement which they have of him in the same village as his charters bear witness; and all the tenement which Ralf de Braibo held in the same village of Tealby: from the gift of Hugh Malet two bovates of land in Rothwell with one toft: from the gift of William Blanchard twenty acres: from the gift of Roger Grucan thirty acres with one mill and one toft, as their charters bear witness: from the gift of Alan and Hugh Malet their wood of Lynwode called Houberges and their part of a certain mill on the water of Tealby: from the gift of Albert Grellei two bovates of land with one toft in Hainton and whatever he gave them in the territory of Hainton and

duas bouatas in eadem villa sicut carte ipsius testantur . Ex dono Thome filii Willelmi et assensu Agnetis uxoris eius ecclesiam sancte Margarete de Saleby cum pertinenciis suis ecclesiam[2] de Estrasne et unum molendinum et in Haintona unam molendinum Ex dono ipsius Thome et Alani Pedeken sex bouatas terre in Astorpa cum pertinenciis suis et quicquid ipse Thomas eis dedit et cartis suis confirmauit in Haintona et in Rasne tam in terris quam in molendinis seu in pasturis sicut carte eius testantur Ex dono Radulfi de Hotham viginti quatuor acras in territorio de Hocham [*sic*] Ex dono Herberti de Orties et Radulfi filii eis quicquid habent de eis in territorio de Teflesby sicut carte ipsorum testantur . Ex dono Herberti filii Alardi unam bouatam terre et unum toftum in Willingham sicut carta eius testatur . Ex dono Radulphi abbatis duas bouatas terre cum uno tofto et quicquid habent de feodo eius prout carte eius testantur et quicquid habent in Wullingham de feodo Lamberti[3] de Scotenei sicut carta ipsius testatur . Ex dono Willelmi filii Mathei totam terram suam quam habuit in Angoteby et quicquid habent in Kelleshey . Ex dono Galfridi filii Simonis unam bouatam terre in Wiflingham et redditus quinque solidorum in Lincoln*ia*; et totum tenementum quod Robertus de Hallai eis dedit in campis de Kouenham et de Gremuntorp et quicquid habent in Lincoln*ia* Preter hec eciam quicquid habent ex dono aduocatorum suorum vel aliorum fidelium sicut carte vel cirographa eorum testantur . in perpetuam elemosinam eis confirmo et corroboro Prohibeo eciam ne aliquis aueria eorum in manum capere presumat super forisfacturam meam set ubique firmam pacem meam habeant ipsi et omnia sua Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod canonici et moniales et fratres in predicta domo de Sixla deo seruientes omnia tenementa sua teneant bene et in pace libere et quiete integre plenarie et honorifice in bosco et in plano in pratis et pascuis in aquis et mariscis in molendinis stagnis et piscariis in toftis et croftis in viis et semitis et in omnibus locis tam in burgo quam extra burgum in foris et nundinis quorumcumque sint libera et quieta de omnibus theloneis et danegeldis et omnibus geldis et auxiliis et wapentacis et hundredis et tridingis et schiris et themannetale et de murdrero et scutagio et assisis et summonicionibus et francoplegio et de omnibus placitis et misericordiis et querelis et forisfacturis et occasionibus consuetudinibus et de omni terreno seruicio et seculari exaccione cum sacha et socha et toll et theam et infanghentheof et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et libertatibus et si quis versus illam predictam domum de Sixla aliquid de possessionibus siue clamauerit siue eam in aliquo vexare vel in placitum ponere voluerit prohibeo ne pro aliquo respondeant neque in placitum intrent nisi coram me neque aliquis eam placitare faciat nisi coram me . Hec omnia concessi eis et confirmaui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro anima Henrici regis et antecessorum meorum et pro mea meorumque et omnium fidelium salute Testibus Baldwino Cantuariensi Johanne Dibblin*ensi* archiepiscopis Johanne Norwic-

Sixle as his charters bear witness: and whatever Denis of Sixle gave and confirmed to them by his charter: from the gift of Ralf son of Warin fifteen acres in the territory of Hainton and two bovates in the same village as his charters bear witness: from the gift of Thomas son of William and with the assent of Agnes his wife the church of saint Margaret of Saleby with its appurtenances, the church of East Rasen and one mill, and in Hainton one mill: from the gift of the same Thomas and Alan Pedeken six bovates of land in Aisthorpe with their appurtenances, and whatever the same Thomas gave to them and confirmed by his charters in Hainton and in Rasen as well in lands as in mills or in pastures as his charters bear witness: from the gift of Ralf of Haltham twenty four acres in the territory of Haltham: from the gift of Herbert de Orties and Ralf his son whatever they have of them in the territory of Tealby as their charters bear witness: from the gift of Herbert son of Alard one bovate of land and one toft in Willingham as his charter bears witness: from the gift of Ralf Abbot two bovates of land with one toft and whatever they have of his fee as his charters bear witness: and whatever they have in Willingham of the fee of Lambert de Scoteni as his charter bears witness: from the gift of William son of Matthew all his land which he had in Osgodby, and whatever they have in Kelsey: from the gift of Geoffrey son of Simon one bovate of land in Willingham, and a rent of five shillings in Lincoln: and the whole tenement which Robert de Hallei gave to them in the fields of Covenham and of Grainthorpe, and whatever they have in Lincoln. In addition also to these things I confirm and corroborate to them in perpetual alms whatever they have from the gift of their founders or other faithful people, as their charters or indentures bear witness. I forbid also, under pain of my forfeiture, that anyone presume to distrain their plough beasts, but everywhere let them and all their possessions have my firm peace. Wherefore I will and firmly command that the canons and nuns and brethren serving God in the aforesaid house of Sixle hold all their tenements well and in peace, freely and quietly, completely, fully, and honourably, in wood and in plain, in meadows and pastures, in waters and marshes, in mills, pools, and fishponds, in tofts and crofts, in ways and paths, and in all places as well in borough as without borough, in markets and fairs, whosesoever they may be, free and quit from all tolls and danegelds and all gelds and aids and wapentakes and hundreds and ridings and shires and tenmantale and from murder fine and scutage and assises and all summonses and frankpledge, and from all pleas and amercements and suits and forfeitures and incidents [and] customs, and from all earthly service and secular exaction, with sake and soke and toll and theam and infangentheof and all other customs and liberties. And if anyone shall either claim anything against the aforesaid house of Sixle in the matter of their possessions or shall wish to trouble it in anything or put it in plea, I forbid them either

ensi Gilberto Roue*cestrensi* Galfrido Eliensi episcopis comite Roberto Leysc*estrie* comite Hamelino de Warrena comite Dauid Hunt*indonie* Rannulfo de Glanvilla Reginaldo in [*sic*] Curtenei . apud Westmonasterium.

to answer for anything or to enter into plea except before me; neither let anyone cause that house to plead except before me. All these things I have granted and confirmed to them in pure and perpetual alms for the soul of King Henry and the souls of my ancestors, and for my safety and that of my kin and all faithful people. [*May, 1186-July, 1188; probably January, 1187.*]

[1] MS. *in.*
[2] *ecclesiam* is repeated in the MS.
[3] *et Wiflingham de feodo Lamberti* is repeated in the MS.

Ormsby Series

[1] Notum sit omnibus tam futuris quam presentibus quod ego Gillebertus filius Roberti de Ormesby primus fundator abbacie sanctimonialium de Ormesby dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sancte Marie et predictis sanctimonialibus et fratribus suis uniuersis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omnibus seruiciis donacionem et concessionem confirmacionemque domini mei scilicet comitis Willelmi de Albemare et meam quam eis fecimus pro salute animarum nostrarum videlicet dimidietatem ecclesiarum de Ormesby et de Utterby cum omnibus pertinenciis earum . et preterea terciam partem tocius terre mee in utraque villa scilicet viginti bouatas terre arabilis cum toftis et croftis boscis et aquis pratis et pascuis et omnibus libertatibus que ad eas pertinent cum communi pastura et liberis introitibus et exitibus in viis et semitis in bosco et plano et in omnibus rebus infra villas et extra ubique et in omnibus . Sciendum autem est quod comes prefatus dominus meus assignauit domino meo Odoni de Friboys seruicium Stephani de Lund' pro seruicio huius terre prenominate quam dedimus in elemosina[m] prescriptis sanctimonialibus sicut carta ipsius comitis testatur . Preterea vero dedi eis terram illam que vocatur Engdale ad occidentalem partem abbacie xxv perticatas longitudini[s] latitudinis vero tocius feudi mei ibidem tam hominum meorum quam mei et totum feudum meum de Warlotes apud Barebranc iuxta campum de Couenham a campo parue Grymesby ad Routhenges cum prato quod ad eas pertinet . Et preterea Thremare[s] et totas Warlotes a Thremares ad campum de Ludeburc aquilonem et austrum versus quantum ego et homines mei habuimus ibi . et a Thremares orientem et occidentem versus in Warlotes totum dominium meum . et extra hoc quantum pertinet sue tercie parti Et preterea sex acras terre quas dedi eis ad obitum uxoris mee pro eius anima de dominio ex occidente Dragedale ab eadem dale usque ad viam que ascendit ex austro abbacie Et preterea decem acras terre apud Durewardethorn' concessi et dedi at que confirmaui eis et omnia hec prenominata cum omnibus rebus et vniuersis libertatibus et appenticiis suis sicut aliqua elemosina melius et liberius dari potest libera et quieta ab omni seruicio et exactione et consuetudine seculari pro salute anime mee et omnium meorum viuorum et mortuorum . Et ego et heredes mei post me warantizabimus hec omnia prescripta sanctimonialibus predictis erga omnes homines imperpetuum . Hiis testibus Forno presbitero Waltero presbitero de Waltham Baldewyno de Hayt-felda Roberto de Hallei Roberto nepote Hate Roberto presbitero de Ludeburc Oseberto Moysent Godrico de Vtterby et alio [Go]d-rico Gilleberto presbitero de Wium Radulfo de Wium.

Ormsby Series

[1] Be it known to all as well future as present that I Gilbert son of Robert of Ormsby first founder of the abbey of the nuns of Ormsby have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and saint Mary and the aforesaid nuns and all their brethren in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all services the gift and grant and confirmation of my lord, namely earl William of Albemarle, and my own gift, which we have made to them for the safety of our souls ; namely the moiety of the churches of Ormsby and Utterby with all their appurtenances, and also the third part of all my land in either village, that is twenty bovates of arable land with tofts and crofts, woods and waters, meadows and pastures, and all liberties which belong to them, with common pasture and free entries and exits in ways and paths, in wood and plain, and in all things within the villages and without everywhere and in all things. Moreover be it known that the aforesaid earl, my lord, has assigned to my lord Odo de Friboys the service of Stephen de Lund for the service of this aforenamed land which we have given in alms to the aforewritten nuns as the charter of this same earl bears witness. Moreover I have given them that land which is called Engdale on the west side of the abbey, twenty five perches in length but of the breadth of my whole fee there as well (of the land) of my men as of my own (land) ; and my whole fee in the warlots at Barebranc next the field of Covenham from the field of Little Grimsby to Routhenges with the meadow which belongs to them ; and also Thremares and all the warlots from Thremares to the field of Ludborough to north and south as much as I and my men had there, and from Thremares to east and west my whole demesne in the warlots, and in addition to this whatever belongs to their third part ; and moreover six acres of land which I gave them at the death of my wife for her soul from (my) demesne, on the west of Dragedale, from the same dale as far as the way which climbs up from the south of the abbey ; and moreover I have granted and given and confirmed to them ten acres of land at Durewardethorn and all these aforenamed things with all profits and with all their liberties and appurtenances as any alms can best and most freely be given, free and quit from all service and exaction and worldly custom, for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my kin living and dead. And I and my heirs after me will warrant all these aforenamed things to the aforesaid nuns for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[1] et is repeated here in the MS.

[2] Domino suo Roberto episcopo Lincoln*iensi* et omnibus sancte ecclesie fidelibus Radulfus de Wihom ꝯ salutem . Notum sit vobis quod ego concessione uxoris mee Mahald et heredis mei concessi et dedi in perpetuam elemosinam sanctimonialibus de Ormesby totam partem meam de duabus ecclesiis eiusdem ville et totam partem meam infra clausum earum ubi habitant et quicquid pertinet ad feudum meam eswarlotes [*sic*]. et insuper dedi eis totam culturam de Higelmare absque omni retentu a grangia sua usque Alegcroft et terram illam que pertinebat ecclesie sancti Andree priusquam dedicaretur el nort eiusdem ville iuxta Cringelbec . Hanc donacionem feci eis liberam et quietam ab omni terreno seruicio pro salute anime mee et omnium parentum meorum et amicorum Quare volo et desidero ut predicte sanctimoniales habeant et teneant hanc elemosinam libere et honorifice de me et heredibus meis . Testes Nicholaus presbiter et Turstanus presbiter et Wiganus de Wihun et Chetel de Ormesby et Rolf de Ormesby Osber Moysen de Grimesby.

[3] Cunctis Christi fidelibus Willelmus de Wihum . salutem . Notum sit vobis me assensu uxoris mee et heredum meorum concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et monialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis quicquid pater meus Radulfus dedit eis et cartis suis confirmauit . scilicet totam partem nostram de duabus ecclesiis de Ormesby et Utterby et totam partem nostram infra clausuram ubi habitant . et quicquid pertinet ad feodum nostrum eswarlotes et totam culturam de Higelmara absque omni retentu a grangia sua de Utterby ad Engcroft' et illam terram que pertinebat ecclesie sancti Andree priusquam dedicaretur del nort eiusdem ville iuxta Chrungesbec' . et ab occidente curtis sue super australe cauput tocius feodi nostri quod est vicinius domui sue in occidente tres perticatas in latum ad exitum suum et ab oriente curtis sue super australe capud tocius feudi nostri quod est vicinius domui sue in oriente vnam perticatam in latum Hec vero feci eis in puram et perpetuam liberam et quietam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum . Ego vero et hered[es] mei post me warantizabimus eis imperpetuum hec omnia predicta erga omnes homines . hiis testibus Adam capellano de Utterby Wigano capellano de Ormesby Willelmo capellano de Foterby Roberto capellano de Wihum Gilleberto fratre Willelmi de Wihum Wigot de Utterby Ricardo et Willellmo filiis Waltero et Radulfo filiis Henrici de Ridford' Adam Tisum Eudone filio Ricardi de Reseby Helia clerico de Reseby.

[4] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Hugo de Baiocis ꝯ salutem . Nouerit dilectio vestra me dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam

[2] To his lord Robert bishop of Lincoln and all the faithful of holy church Ralf of Wyham sends greeting. Be it known to you that by the grant of my wife Maud and of my heir I have granted and given in perpetual alms to the nuns of Ormsby my whole part of the two churches of the same village and my whole part within their close where they dwell and whatever belongs to my fee in the warlots; and in addition I have given to them the whole *cultura* of Higelmare without any reservation from their grange as far as Alegcroft, and that land to the north of the same village next Cringelbec which belonged to the church of Saint Andrew before it was hallowed. I have made this gift to them free and quit from all earthly service for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my kin and friends. Wherefore I will and desire that the aforesaid nuns have and hold this alms freely and honourably of me and my heirs. [*1147-1166.*]

[3] To all the faithful of Christ William of Wyham sends greeting. Be it known to you that with the assent of my wife and my heirs I have granted and by my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, whatever my father Ralf gave to them and confirmed by his charters; namely our whole part of the two churches of Ormsby and Utterby, and our whole part within the close where (the nuns) dwell, and whatever belongs to our fee in the warlots and the whole *cultura* of Higelmara, without any reservation, from their grange of Utterby to Engcroft, and that land on the north of the same village next Chrungesbec which belonged to the church of saint Andrew before it was hallowed, and three perches in breadth for their exit on the west of their court upon the south head of all our fee which is nearest to their house on the west, and one perch in breadth on the east of their court upon the south head of all our fee which is nearest to their house on the east. Moreover I have done these things for them in pure and perpetual, free and quiet alms, for the safety of my soul and that of my father and that of my mother and those of all my ancestors. Moreover I and my heirs after me will warrant all these aforesaid things to them against all men for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[4] To all the sons of holy mother church Hugh de Bayeux sends greeting. Let your affection know that I have given and by this my present charter confirmed to God and Saint Mary and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, in pure and

liberam et quietam ab omni calumpnia mei et omnium meorum pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee Geue et omnium parentum et antecessorum meorum quicquid iure hereditario habui in dimidietate ecclesie de Grimolby quam dicebam et clamabam me debere tenere de feudo comitis de Richemont . videlicet illam partem quam Alanus et fratres sui dederunt supradictis sanctimonialibus . Huius donacionis et confirmacionis testes sunt . magister Gillebertus de Sempingham Rogerus prior de Maltona Adam et Albinus canonici Hugo prior de Sixla et totus conuentus utriusque sexus eiusdem domus comitissa Roeisia de Bedeford Godefridus capellanus eius Alexander clericus eius Thomas de Goldingtona Nigellus filius Normanni Godefridus rufus Helias de Baiocis Baldwinus miles Baldwini de Wac Ace de Saintlix Jordanus camerarius Willelmus albus Robertus Cochard Gifardus Robertus Norreis.

[5] Willelmus comes Albemarlie omnibus baronibus suis et Christi fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus . salutem . Notum sit vobis me dedisse et concessisse sanctimonialibus de Ormesby terciam partem terre Gilleberti de Ormesby in omnibus tam in ecclesia quam in terra et bosco in pascuis et in pratis et in aquis . liberam et quietam ab omni humano seruicio sicut aliqua elemosina liberius dari potest . Dedi autem Odoni de Fribois in escambium seruicium Stephani de Lund pro elemosina predicta et concessione Gilleberti predicti Et quia hanc elemosinam pro me ipso et pro anima patris mei et matris mee et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum feci precor omnes amicos meos ut eam in quiete et in pace manuteneant Huius rei testes sunt inter me et Odonem et Gillebertum de Ormesby . Adam abbas de Melsa Gillebertus de Sempingham Warner de Prostona Roger clericus comitis Hely de Amandevilla Jordanus Folioth Bernardus de Halwella frater Walterus de Melsna frater Suethman Baldwinus de Fribois Robertus de Hospitali Robertus constabularius Radulfus de Amandevilla Hubertus filius Symonis Ysaac de Scheflyng W. nepos comitis de Gerberai.

[6] Omnibus Christi fidelibus Willelmus comes Albemarlie ! Notum vobis omnibus facio me diuine pietatis intuitu et pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum concessisse et hac mea presenti carta confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terciam partem terre Gilleberti de Ormesby quam habent ex dono ipsius dicti Gilleberti in territorio de Ormesby et de Uthterby tam in ecclesiis terris bosco et plano pratis pascuis et pasturis quam in aquis viis et semitis et in omnibus aliis locis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis et quicquid de feodo meo adquirere vel habere poterint infra regnum Anglie imperpetuum . ut predicte sanctimoniales omnia prenominata

perpetual alms, free and quit from all claim of me and of all my people, for the safety of my soul and that of my wife Geve and the souls of all my kin and ancestors, whatever by hereditary right I had in the moiety of the church of Grimoldby which I asserted and claimed that I ought to hold of the fee of the earl of Richmond; namely that part which Alan and his brothers gave to the aforesaid nuns. [*Henry II.*]

[5] William earl of Albemarle to all his barons and the faithful of Christ as well future as present sends greeting. Be it known to you that I have given and granted to the nuns of Ormsby a third part of the land of Gilbert of Ormsby, in all things, as well in the church as in land and wood, in pastures and in meadows and in waters, free and quit from all human service as any alms may most freely be given. Moreover I have given to Odo de Fribois the service of Stephen de Lund in exchange for the aforesaid alms and by the grant of the aforesaid Gilbert. And because I have made this alms for myself and for the soul of my father and that of my mother and for the souls of all my ancestors I pray all my friends that they will maintain it in quiet and in peace. [*1150-1160.*]

[6] To all the faithful of Christ William earl of Albemarle. I make known to you all that at the impulse of divine piety and for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors, I have granted and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to the nuns of Ormsby the whole third part of the land of Gilbert of Ormsby which they have from the gift of this said Gilbert in the territory of Ormsby and Utterby, as well in churches, lands, wood, and field, meadows, pastures, and feedings, as in waters, ways, and paths, and in all other places, with all its appurtenances, and whatever they shall be able to acquire or have of my fee within the realm of England for ever, that the aforesaid nuns

de feudo meo adquisita et adquirenda in regno Anglie habeant et teneant bene et in pace libera quieta et soluta tam de secta curie mee quam de omni terreno et seculari seruicio et rebus aliis atque demandis sicut aliqua elemosina a viris religiosis habetur liberius aut possidetur . Et ego dictus Willelmus [comes] de Albemarla et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus omnia predicta dictis sanctimonialibus erga regem et contra omnes homines et eciam contra Judeos de omnibus seruiciis et demandis que sunt vel esse poterunt Hiis testibus Adam abbate de Melsa Warnero de Prostum [*sic*] Rogero clerico comitis Hely de Amandeuilla Jordano Folioth Bernardo de Hallewella Baldwino de Friboys Roberto de Hospitali Roberto constabulario Radulfo de Amandeuilla Huberto filio Simonis et multis aliis.

[7] Episcopo Lincoln*iensi* et ceteris sancte matris ecclesie filiis Robertus dapifer Willelmi de Percy ⁝ salutem in Christo . Cupiens profectum et salutem anime patris mei et Glleberti auunculi mei et ceterorum antecessorum meorum et profectum meum et sponse mee Roesie et prolis quam dedit nobis deus concessi et dedi in perpetuam elemosinam consensu et assensu uxoris mee et ceterorum amicorum meorum sanctimonialibus que seruiunt deo in ecclesia beate virginis Marie in Ormesby ecclesiam meam de Helchintuna que in australi parte sita est alterius Elchintune cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et ecclesiam de modica Grymesby cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent liberas et quietas ab omni exaccione et seculari seruicio sicut aliqua elemosina liberius deo seruientibus datur . Et ut mea elemosina rata et inconcussa imperpetuum eis remaneat proprii sigilli mei testimonio confirmaui et bonorum virorum videlicet Gilleberti fundatoris religionis de Sempingham et canonicorum regularium eiusdem professionis videlicet Hugonis scrutatoris et Thome prioris et Roberti de Tibethorp et Reginaldi et Swani sacerdotum et Albini capellani magistri et Simonis filii Willelmi filii Haconis et Iuonis sacerdotis Ranulphi de Brachingberge Martini filii Rogeri Ricardi filii Radulfi Alani de Hirefort Roberti de Gertuna Radulfi filii Brieni et Henrici de Aseord.

[8] Notum sit cuntis sancte matris ecclesie filiis me Hugonem de Wildeker assensu uxoris mee Tephanie et patris sue Marci del Tuit dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam conuentui monialium de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis dimidiam partem ecclesie de Fotreby cum omnibus petinenciis suis que pertinet ad feodum meum quod Marcus del Twit dedit filie mee [*sic*] in matrimonio in die qua eam desponsaui . Hanc elemosinam dedi eis pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et patris sui Marci et omnium antecessorum meorum et amicorum . Hiis testibus Reginaldo decano Hamelino decano Hugone de Haullei Gileberto de Besebi Willelmo cuntrenent Ranulpho fratre

have and hold all the aforenamed things acquired or to be acquired of my fee in the realm of England well and in peace, free, quit, and exempt as well from suit of my court as from all earthly and worldly service and from other matters and demands as any alms may most freely be had or possessed by the religious. And I the said William earl of Albemarle and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend all the aforesaid things to the said nuns against the king and against all men and also against the Jews from all services and demands which are or can be. [*1150-1160.*]

[7] To the bishop of Lincoln and the other sons of holy mother church Robert the steward of William de Percy sends greeting in Christ. Desiring the profit and safety of the soul of my father and that of Gilbert my uncle and the souls of my other ancestors, and my own profit and that of Roesia my wife and that of the offspring that God has given us, I have granted and given in perpetual alms, with the consent and assent of my wife and my other friends, to the nuns who serve God in the church of the blessed Virgin Mary in Ormsby, my church of Elkington which is situated on the south side of the other Elkington with all its appurtenances, and the church of Little Grimsby with all things which belong to it, free and quit from all exaction and worldly service as any alms is most freely given to those serving God. And that my alms may remain to them firm and unshaken for ever, I have confirmed it by the witness of my own seal and the witness of good men ; namely . . . . (*Circa 1160-1166.*]

[8] Be it known to all the sons of holy mother church that I, Hugh de Wildeker, with the assent of my wife Tephany and of her father Mark del Twit, have given and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to the convent of the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, the moiety of the church of Fotherby with all its appurtenances which belongs to my fee, which Mark del Twit gave to his daughter in marriage on the day I married her. I have given this alms to them for the safety of my soul and the souls of my wife and of her father Mark and of all my ancestors and friends. [*Late Henry II.*]

eius Waltero filio Roberti Rogero de Cuchewald Johanne clerico de Cuningesholm Willelmo diacono Ricardo diacono Willelmo Ruffo Philippo Rabod Stephano de Fotreby.

[9] Notum sit cuntis Christi fidelibus quod ego Rogerus de Clere dedi et hac carta mea confirmaui sanctimonialibus deo seruientibus in ecclesia de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quartam partem ecclesie de Fotrebi que pertinet ad feudum meum videlicet quod fuit Hugonis del Twit cum omnibus quarte parti predicte ecclesie pertinentibus . Sciendum vero quod ego Rogerus auxilio dei prefatum feudum in curia domini regis Londoniam duello conquisiui et ideo necessarium fore iudicaui aliquam partem feudi dei seruitio dare pro anima patris mei et matris et mea et omnium antecessorum et amicorum meorum . Et ne quis hanc donacionem meam valeat infringere vel ei aliquatenus contraire ego et heredes mei manutenebimus et warantizabimus eam predictis sanctimonialibus contra omnes homines et calumpniatores sicut propriam et specialem elemosinam nostram Huius rei testes sunt Radulfus de Wihum Odo prisbiter Walterus cocus Alanus filius Tebaldi Gocelinus de Arci Stephanus Barri Elias clericus Humfridus prepositus Martinus prepositus Thomas de Lude Willelmus filius Damme de Foterbi.

[10] Omnibus Christi fidelibus Willelmus filius Amfridi de Haghe ⁝ salutem Sciatis me dedisse et hac carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et couentui de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quartam partem ecclesie de Foterby quam in curia domini regis duello diracionaui de Hugone del Twith deforciante cum communi pastura quarta parte dicte ville pertinente aueriis suis cum aliis pertinenciis dicte porcioni ecclesie pertinentibus Et ego Willelmus et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus omnia prenominata contra omnes homines de omnibus rebus et demandis dicto conuentui imperpetuum Hiis testibus Roberto de Ormesby Thoma de Ludhe Gilberto Northfolk Roberto filio Fuche Pycoth de Wyho Hugone filio Baldre et aliis.

[11] Omnibus Christi fidelibus has litteras visuris vel audituris Hugo rector ecclesie de Fulestoua ⁝ salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram illam que iacet inter terram Auice Pascay ex parte orientali et terram Willelmi Pascay ex parte occidentali in parochia beati Petri Linc*olniensis* in Estegate continentem in latitudine tresdecim ulnas cum tota sua longitudine quam videlicet terram ego prefatus Hugo dudum emi de Nicholao Pascay soluendo annuatim Marie filie Godwini et heredibus suis tres solidos argenti duas gallinas et unum gallum pro omni seruicio et exaccione

[9] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ that I Roger de Clere have given and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to the nuns serving God in the church of Ormsby the fourth part of the church of Fotherby which belongs to my fee, namely that fee which was Hugh de Twit's, with all things belonging to the fourth part of the aforesaid church. Moreover be it known that I, Roger, with God's help, acquired the aforesaid fee by duel in the court of the lord king at London, and therefore I have thought it necessary to give some part of the fee to the service of God for the soul of my father and that of my mother and for my own soul and the souls of all my ancestors and friends. And lest anyone shall be able to infringe this my gift or oppose it in any way I and my heirs will maintain and warrant it to the aforesaid nuns against all men and claimants as our own and special alms. [*Before 1184.*]

[10] To all the faithful of Christ William son of Amfrid of Haugh sends greeting. Know that I have given and by this charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby the fourth part of the church of Fotherby which I deraigned by duel in the court of the lord King against Hugh del Twith the deforciant. with common pasture belonging to the fourth part of the said village for their plough beasts, with other appurtenances belonging to the said portion of the church. And I William and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend all the aforenamed things to the said convent against all men from all matters and demands for ever. [*Before 1170.*]

[11] To all the faithful of Christ seeing or hearing these letters Hugh rector of the church of Fulstow sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby all that land which lies between the land of Avice Pascay on the east side and the land of William Pascay on the west side in the parish of blessed Peter of Lincoln in Eastgate, containing in breadth thirteen ells with its whole length—namely that land which I, the aforesaid Hugh, formerly bought from Nicholas Pascay—paying yearly to Mary daughter of Godwin and her heirs three shillings of silver, two hens,

ut predictus conuentus et omnes eorum assignati habeant et teneant totam predictam terram cum edificiis et arboribus in ea sitis et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis liberam integram et pacificam et ab omni seculari seruicio et demanda quietam soluendo tantummodo heredibus dicte Marie filie Godwini per annum tresdecim [*sic*] solidos argenti ad festum sancti Johannis baptiste et ad Natiuitatem domini duas gallinas et unum gallum pro omni seruicio exaccione et demanda Et ad maiorem securitatem quando ego prefatus Hugo feci hoc donum predicto conuentui tradidi eis cartam Godwini et cartam Nicholai Pascay et confirmacionem Marie filie dicti Godwini quas penes me habui Hiis testibus domino Henrico de Ormesby domino Willelmo de Kyme domino Ranulfo de Aulny militibus Alano de Veresb' Waltero Brand Johanne filio Roberti de Wykeforda Henrico Cotti Linc*olnie* et aliis.

[12] Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Martinus filius Marie de Wykeforda ciuitatis Lincoln*ie* salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me concessisse dedisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse et de me et de omnibus meis quietum clamasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam annuum redditum trium solidorum argenti et duarum gallinarum et unius galli quem idem conuentus reddere solebat annuatim de terra illa quam Nicholaus Pasce aliquando tenuit in Estgate ciuitatis Lincoln*ie* que dudum fuit Godwini diuitis aui mei Et ego dictus Martinus et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus dictum redditum annuum dicto conuentui erga dominum regem et contra omnes homines de omnibus seruiciis rebus et demandis que accedere possunt imperpetuum Hiis testibus domino Thoma Shanfoyl tunc maiore ciuitatis Lincoln*ie* domino Willelmo de Parys Johanne de Luda Hugone clerico Rogero filio Benedicti Michaele aurifabro Ricardo aurifabro Hugone de Wykyngby Waltero filio Martini de Estgate et aliis.

[13] Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Maria filia Godwini diuitis Lincolnie in mea libera viduitate concessi et confirmaui omnem donacionem confirmacionem et warantizacionem Hugoni vicario de Fulestoue et heredibus suis vel assignatis prout carta patris mei Godwini prius confecta melius et plenius testatur In huius rei testimonium huic scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Johanne de Paris Willelmo de Paris Petro de Ballio Ricardo de Ponte Roberto filio Egidii Willelmo filio Gamel Roberto Cotti tunc tempore preposito Johanne de Luda Johanne de Hermestun Waltero et Roberto clericis et multis aliis.

and one cock for all service and exaction, so that the aforesaid convent and all their assigns may have and hold all the aforesaid land with the buildings and trees set in it and with all other appurtenances, freely, completely, and peaceably, and quit from all worldly service and demand, paying only to the heirs of the said Mary daughter of Godwin each year three[1] shillings of silver at the feast of saint John the Baptist and at Christmas two hens and one cock for all service, exaction, and demand. And when I, the aforesaid Hugh, made this gift to the aforesaid convent I delivered to them for greater security the charter of Godwin and the charter of Nicholas Pascay and the confirmation of Mary daughter of the said Godwin, which I had by me. [*Circa 1220.*]

[1] The *tresdecim* of the transcript must be an error.

[12] To all seeing or hearing this writing Martin son of Mary of Wigford of the city of Lincoln sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have granted, given, and by my present charter confirmed, and from me and from all mine quitclaimed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby a yearly rent of three shillings of silver and two hens and one cock which the same convent used to render yearly from that land which Nicholas Pasce at one time held in Eastgate of the city of Lincoln which was formerly Godwin the rich my grandfather's. And I the said Martin and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the said yearly rent to the said convent against the lord king and against all men from all services, matters, and demands which can arise for ever. [*Early Henry III.*]

[13] Let present and future know that I, Mary daughter of Godwin the rich of Lincoln in my free widowhood have granted and confirmed to Hugh the vicar of Fulstow and his heirs or assigns every gift, confirmation, and warranty, as the charter, formerly made, of my father Godwin best and most fully bears witness. In witness whereof I have set my seal to this writing. [*John.*]

[14] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Johannes filius Alani filius Raingohti de Stikeforda ⁊ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me diuine pietatis intuitu dedisse concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby ad vela et pepla emenda apud Sanctum Botulphum in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam illud toftum cum crofto et cum edificiis et arboribus in tofto inuentis et libertatibus predicto tofto pertinentibus quod Willelmus filius Roysie aliquando tenuit in villa de Bolingbroch et iacet inter toftum Alani filii Yngemund et toftum Johannis Bable cuius tofti capud australe abuttat super toftum Alani Molle salua via iacente in transuerso tofti que dicitur Royselane sicut solebat et esse debet et caput aquilonale abuttat super vetus casteler [*sic*] ⁊ Habendum et tenendum predictum toftum et croftum cum edificiis arboribus et libero introitu et exitu et ceteris omnibus pertinentiis dictis sanctimonialibus et eorum fratribus clericis et laicis adeo libera et quieta ad includendum et fossandum et ad omnem inde voluntatem faciendam sicut aliqua elemosina a viris religiosis liberius habetur aut possidetur . Et ego predictus Johannes et heredes mei warantizabimus et defendemus dictum tenementum cum pertinentiis dictis sanctimonialibus et earum fratribus erga dominum regem et dominos feudi et contra omnes homines de omnibus seruiciis rebus et demandis que sunt vel esse poterint in eternum sicut puram et specialem elemosinam nostram Hiis testibus domino Galfrido de Beningwrk domino Henrico de Tohingtona Johanne filio eius Ricardo persona eiusdem ville . Roberto de Bolingbroch Alano Sequeystre Johanne de Hagham Gilberto filio Cristiane et multis aliis.

[15] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Gilbertus de Beningwrk ⁊ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dedisse et concessisse et hac mea presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby toftum et salinam que fuerunt Willelmi Tranelum in territorio de Freskeneia et Henricum Flain cum tota sequela sua et terram quam idem Henricus tenuit de me et terram quam Henricus molendinarius tenuit de me et terram quam Ricardus filius Segge tenuit de me et totam sequelam ipsius Ricardi et molendinum meum de vento cum situ predicti molendini et cum omnibus pertinenciis et totam terram quam habui ex utraque parte predicti molendini tam in sablone quam in alta terra et Willelmum filium Sigge cum tota sequela sua et cum tota terra quam de me habuit et Hugonum Flain cum tota sequela sua et cum tota terra sua et cum salinis quas de me tenuit et Robertum de Schiremare cum tota sequela sua quam de me tenuit [*sic*] excepta terra quam tenuit in Louegareshaga et Robertum Flain cum tota terra sua et salina quas [*sic*] de me tenuit et Henricum Wyker cum tota sequela sua et cum tota terra sua et salinis quas de me tenuit Has omnes terras predictas cum pertinenciis suis et predictos homines cum catallis et sequelis suis in territorio de Freskeneia

[14] To all the faithful of Christ, John son of Alan son of Raingot of Stickford sends greeting. Be it known to the whole body of you that at the impulse of divine piety I have given, granted, and by my present charter confirmed in free, pure, and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Ormsby to buy veils and cloaks at Boston that toft with a croft, and with the buildings and trees found in the toft, and with the liberties belonging to the aforesaid toft which William son of Rohais at one time held in the village of Bolingbroke; and it lies between the toft of Alan son of Yngemund and the toft of John Bable and the south head of that toft abuts on the toft of Alan Molle except for the way lying across the toft which is called Royselane as it used and ought to be, and the north head abuts on the old castelry. To have and to hold the aforesaid toft and croft with buildings, trees, and free entry and exit, and all other appurtenances to the said nuns and their brethren, clerk and lay, as free and quit to enclose and ditch about and do all their will therewith as any alms is most freely had or possessed by any religious men. And I the aforesaid John and my heirs will warrant and defend the said tenement with appurtenances to the said nuns and their brethren against the lord king and the lords of the fee and against all men from all services, matters, and demands which are or may be for ever, as our pure and special alms.

[*Early Henry III.*]

[15] To all the faithful of Christ present and future Gilbert of Benniworth sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby the toft and saltpan which were William Tranelum's in the territory of Friskney, and Henry Flain with all his issue and the land which the same Henry held of me, and the land which Henry the miller held of me, and the land which Richard son of Segge held of me and all the issue of the same Richard, and my windmill with the site of the aforesaid mill and with all appurtenances, and all the land which I had on either side of the aforesaid mill as well in sand as in high ground, and William son of Sigge with all his issue and all the land which he had of me, and Hugh Flain with all his issue and with all his land and with the saltpans which he held of me, and Robert de Schiremare with all his issue [and the land] which he held of me except the land which he held in Louegareshaga, and Robert Flain with all his land and the saltpan which he held of me, and Henry Wyker with all his issue and with all his land and the saltpans which he held of me. I have given and granted to the aforesaid convent of Ormsby for the pittance of the nuns serving

dedi et concessi predicto conuentui de Ormesby apud [*sic*] pitanciam sanctimonialium ibi deo seruiencium in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione pro salute anime mee et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum et heredum meorum et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis omnia predicta et defendemus et acquietabimus de omnibus rebus erga omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus domino Philippo de Kyma Hugone filio Symonis Thoma le Ostricer Philippo de Clathorp Philippo de Timberlund Durando filio Willelmi Gilberto de Ormesby Alano de Beseby Gilberto filio Henrici de Belingeia Stephano de Wilberfos athleta Willelmo filio Thome de Dalthona Roberto fratre suo Simone Taillur Hugone de Freskene*ia* Hugone filio suo Ranulfo filio Eudonis Alano fratre suo Joce de Wlmersti Ricardo Marchand Roberto Briche Willelmo filio Symonis.

[16] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Gilbertus de Beningwrd ⁊ salutem Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby Henricum Wyker de Freskenay cum tota sequela sua et catallis et cum tota terra sua quam de meo proprio tenet in Freskenay in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione de me et heredibus meis. Et ego et heredes mei hanc meam elemosinam predicto conuentui contra omnes homines warantizabimus et defendemus et acquietabimus inperpetuum ⁊ Hiis testibus Symone de Kyma Umfrido et Roberto capellanis de Freskene*ia* magistro Henrico de Kyma Gilberto de Ormesby Matheo Wanin Warino de Haulay Willelmo de Braytoft Willelmo de Kyma Willelmo de Benyngwrk Ricardo Abe Willelmo filio eius Thoma filio Johannis de Luda Johanne filio Ducti Willelmo de Salmundbi Thoma de Braytoft.

[17] Omnibus Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Willelmus filius Alani Champiun de Howtona salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam duas acras et dimidiam terre arabilis in territorio de Houtona cum tota longitudine et latitudine sua excepto prato adiacente et abuttante quarum duo selliones iacent in occidentali campo de Howtona super Westosgotacre inter terram Gilberti filii Willelmi et terram Johannis le Spencer et unus sellio iacet in campo orientali de Howtona super Benest inter terram comitisse et terram Elye filii Thoraldi et unus sellio iacet super Fulmar inter terram Ranulphi filii Grimbaldi et terram Rogeri filii Aylyue et duo selliones iacent super Littelblamild inter terram Radulfi Rudykyn et terram Thome Humberstayn et unam daylam continentem in se unam acram prati iacentem inter pratum domine Margarete comitisse versus orientem et pratum Willelmi ad eccle-

God there all these aforesaid lands with their appurtenances and the aforesaid men with their chattels and issues in the territory of Friskney in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all worldly service and exaction for the safety of my soul and for the souls of my father and my mother and all my ancestors and heirs. And I and my heirs will warrant and defend and acquit all the aforesaid things from all matters against all men for ever. [*Early thirteenth century.*]

[16] To all the faithful of Christ present and future Gilbert of Benniworth sends greeting. Know that I have given and granted and by this my charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby, Henry Wyker of Friskney, with all his issue and chattels and with all his land which he holds of my property in Friskney, in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all worldly service and exaction from me and my heirs. And I and my heirs will warrant and defend and acquit this my alms to the aforesaid convent against all men for ever. [*Circa 1200.*]

[17] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear this writing William son of Alan Champiun of Holton sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have given, granted, and by this present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby two acres and a half of arable land in the territory of Holton with its whole length and breadth except the meadow adjoining and abutting, whereof two selions lie in the west field of Holton upon Westosgotacre between the land of Gilbert son of William and the land of John le Spencer, and one selion lies in the east field of Holton upon Benest between the land of the countess and the land of Elyas son of Thorold, and one selion lies upon Fulmar between the land of Ranulf son of Grimbald and the land of Roger son of Ailiva, and two selions lie upon Littelblamild between the land of Ralf Rudykyn and the land of Thomas Humberstone, and one strip containing in itself one acre of meadow lying between the meadow of the Lady Margaret

siam versus occidentem cum tota longitudine sua et latitudine et omnibus pertinenciis suis et extendit se a fouea prati usque in ripam molendini Tenenda et habenda libere quiete et pacifice ab omni seculari seruicio exaccione et demanda Et ego Willelmus filius Alani Champiun de Howtona et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus dictas terras et pratum predicto conuentui contra omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus domino Alano rectore ecclesie de Northchotes Radulfo Rudkyn vicario ecclesie de Thetenay Willelmo vicario de Houtona [*sic*] Willelmo ad ecclesiam de eadem Elia fratre Walteri de eadem Waltero Welmad Nicholao de Thorp Rogero clerico de Northcotes et aliis.

[18] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Henricus de Monte Begionis salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me pro salute anime mee et meorum dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse de me et heredibus meis deo et conuentui beate Marie de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unum toftum in Houtona qui fuit Walteri Wanci et dimidiam bouatam terre in territorio eiusdem ville cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis et asiamentis infra villam predictam et extra Videlicet in orientali campo ad Thirnewellesic versus meridiem tres selliones et ad Suthlangfurowes duas selliones et ad Hallemar tres selliones et ab occidente de Hallemar tres selliones, et inter Smalemar et Galtremar tres selliones et in occidentali campo ad Hole sex selliones et ab occidente molendini ad Hole tres selliones et inter Routhmar et pratum quatuor selliones et super Athelberd holm tres selliones et tres selliones que abuttant super forariam Lamberti de Wath Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus et defendemus hanc predictam terram cum tofto et cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis dicto conuentui de Ormesby contra omnes homines et de omnibus seruiciis et consuetudinibus et exactionibus acquietabimus imperpetuum . Hiis testibus Matheo Wanin milite Gilberto de Ormesby milite Alano de Besyby Radulfo filio Helisii de Besyby Radulfo de Kateby Roberto Moysent Matheo carpentario de Ormesby Philippo de Farlestorp.

[19] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Clemencia Flandrensis de Kouenan ⁝ salutem Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby et maxime ad sustentacionem pauperum porte in puram et perpetuam elemosinam omnes terras quas habui in villa et in territorio de Kouenam videlicet de dono Alexandri filii Rogeri unum toftum propinquiorem tofto Radulphi le Francays versus occidentem et ex occidentali parte ville duo selliones ad Grymisby sic ex orientali parte culture prioris de Couenham et totum pratum versus meridiem ad capita quinque sellionum de Settecope et totam terram quam habuit [*sic*] iuxta riuulum de Caldewelle versus aquilonem inter terram Reginaldi clerici et Ricardi le Frantais [*sic*]

the Countess towards the east and the meadow of William Atchurch towards the west, with its whole length and breadth and all its appurtenances and it stretches from the trench of the meadow as far as the bank of the mill. To have and to hold freely, quietly, and peaceably from all worldly service, exaction, and demand. And I, William son of Alan Champiun of Holton, and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the said lands and meadow to the aforesaid convent against all men for ever. [*Henry III.*]

[18] To all the faithful of Christ present and future Henry de Montbegon sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of my kin I have given and granted and by my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms from me and my heirs to God and the convent of blessed Mary of Ormsby one toft in Holton which was Walter Wanci's and half a bovate of land in the territory of the same village with all its appurtenances and liberties and easements within the aforesaid village and without; namely in the east field at Thirnewellesic towards the south three selions, and at Suthlangfurowes two selions, and at Hallemar three selions, and on the west of Hallemar three selions, and between Smalemar and Galtremar three sellions, and in the west field at Hole six selions, and on the west of the mill at Hole three selions, and between Routhmar and the meadow four selions, and upon Athelberdholm three selions, and three selions which abut on the headland of Lambert of Waithe. And I and my heirs will warrant and defend this aforesaid land with the toft and with all its appurtenances and liberties to the said convent of Ormsby against all men, and we will acquit it from all services and customs and exactions for ever. [*Early Henry III.*]

[19] To all the sons of holy mother church Clemency the Fleming of Covenham sends greeting. Know that I have given, granted, and by this present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby, and especially for the support of the poor of the gate, all the lands which I had in the village and in the territory of Covenham; namely, of the gift of Alexander son of Roger one toft next the toft of Ralf le Francays towards the west, and on the west side of the village two selions at Grimsby sike on the east side of the *cultura* of the prior of Covenham and the whole meadow towards the south at the heads of the five selions of Settescope, and all the land which he had next the stream of Caldwell towards the north between the land of Reginald the clerk and Richard le Francays,

et ex orientali parte ville tres selliones ad Wad propinquiores culture prioris de Couenam versus orientem et totum pratum ad Stewant ad capud unius sellionis versus aquilonem quem Warinus tenuit et totum pratum al Waise ad caput unius sellionis et dimidii versus meridiem Preterea dedi eis totam terram quam habui de Ricardo le Francays iuxta riuulum de Caldewella qui tendit versus aquilonem que iacet inter terram meam et terram Warini de Haulay in latitudine et culturam prioris de Couenham que vocatur Lariwate et terram Willelmi filii Rolfi versus meridiem in latitudine [*sic*] et tres acras terre quarum quinque percate iacent in Langemare inter terras domini Warini de Haulay in longitudine et a forario Michaelis usque ad Panewange et quinque percatas ad Raulotemares inter terram meam et terram Alani filii Wlsi et dimidiam acram ex occidentali parte ville Well [*sic*] in Lache inter terram de Kalethorpe et terram Haldani Soth et duo capita prati a la Waise propinquiora suo prato versus orientem adiacentia terre mee versus meridiem et tres pedes in latum ab angulo domus matris dicti Ricardi versus meridiem usque ad caput muri mei in longitudine et duas selliones ex occidentali parte ville de Couenham ad Grainegates inter terram que fuit Alexandri et terram Petri de Ponte Preterea dedi eis duas acras terre quas habui de dono Willelmi filii Rolfi quarum dimidia acra iacet in Niacros [*sic*] propinquior terre Michaelis versus aquilonem et dimidia acra iacet in Tuentiacres propinquior terre Osberti filii Wlsi versus aquilonem et una acra prati ad Watreswang que iacet propinquior prato prioris de Couenham versus occidentem Preterea dedi eis unam acram prati in Nordfen in territorio de Jerdburh scilicet totam dailam quam Briennus filius Hamelini habuit in eodem territorio usque Hou Tenendas et habendas omnes has prenominatas terras libere et quiete ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione reddendo annuatim ecclesie sancte Marie de Couenham in die assumpcionis eiusdem pro omni seruicio tres denarios ex una parte et unum oblatum turis [*sic*] et preterea Ricardo le Francais et heredibus suis tres obolos ad festum sancti Botulphi et unum obolum ad assumpcionem sancte Marie sicut carte donatorum testantur ! Et ego Clemencia et donatores dictarum terrarum predictas terras cum omnibus pertinenciis predicto conuentui pro predicto seruicio contra omnes homines warantizabimus et defendemus Hiis testibus Radulpho de Haulay milite Ricardo de Haulay Petro filio Locie [*sic*] Gilberto clerico Johanne clerico Haketo de Uterbi Rogero filio Stephani de Neutona Alexandro filio Rumphari et aliis.

[20] Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Radulfus de Bollebec et Elene de Poyntona dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et beate Marie de Ormesby et canonicis et monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum duas bouatas terre in territorio de Folestow cum toftis et

and on the east side of the village three selions at Wad next the *cultura* of the prior of Covenham towards the east, and the whole meadow at Stewant at the head of a selion towards the north, which Warin held, and the whole meadow at the Waise at the head of a selion and a half towards the south. Further I have given them all the land which I had of Richard le Francays next the stream of Caldwell as it flows towards the north which lies between my land and the land of Warin de Hauley in breadth and in length between the *cultura* of the prior of Covenham which is called Lariwate and the land of William son of Rolf towards the south, and three acres of land of which five perches lie in Langemare between the lands of Sir Warin de Hauley in length and from Michael's headland as far as Panewange, and five perches at Raulotemares between my land and the land of Alan son of Wulsi, and half an acre on the west side of the village in Lache between the land of Cawthorpe and the land of Haldan Soth, and two heads of meadow at the Waise next their meadow towards the east adjoining my land towards the south and three feet in breadth from the corner of the house of the mother of the said Richard towards the south as far as the head of my wall in length, and two selions on the west side of the village of Covenham at Grainegates between the land which was Alexander's and the land of Peter of the bridge. Further I have given them two acres of land which I had of the gift of William son of Rolf of which half an acre lies in Niacros, next Michael's land towards the north, and half an acre lies in Twenty-acres next the land of Osbert son of Wulsi towards the north, and one acre of meadow at Watreswang which lies next the meadow of the prior of Covenham towards the west. Further I have given them one acre of meadow in North fen in the territory of Yarburgh namely the whole strip as far as Hou which Brian son of Hamelin had in the same territory. To hold and to have all these aforenamed lands free and quit from all worldly service and exaction, rendering yearly to the church of Saint Mary of Covenham on the day of her assumption for all service three pence from one part and a half-penny worth of incense, and also to Richard le Francais and his heirs three half-pence at the feast of Saint Botulf and one half-penny at the assumption of Saint Mary as the charters of the donors bear witness. And I, Clemency, and the donors of the aforesaid lands, will warrant and defend the aforesaid lands with all appurtenances to the aforesaid convent for the aforesaid service against all men. [*Henry III.*]

[20] Let present and future know that I, Ralf de Bollebec [son of Ralf de Bollebec] and Ellen of Pointon have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary of Ormesby and the canons and nuns serving God there, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors, two

croftis ad predictam terram pertinentibus cum pratis pascuis pasturis et cum omnibus aliis asiamentis infra uillam et extra exceptis sallinis ad predictam terram pertinentibus unam bouatam quam Robertus Gaugi aliquando tenuit cum tofto et crofto aliam scilicet quam Robertus le Laudere aliquando tenuit de patre meo cum tofto et crofto in villa de Folestowe Habendam et tenendam in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libere quiete et pacifice adeo libere sicuti aliquis homo dominicum suum liberius in puram et perpetuam elemosinam potuit conferre predictam terram cum predictis toftis et croftis cum pratis pascuis pasturis et cum omnibus asiamentis infra villam et extra ad predictam terram spectantibus exceptis sallinis ad predictam terram pertinentibus deo et beate Marie de Ormesby et canonicis et monialibus ibidem deo seruientibus et earum successoribus Et ego Radulfus de Bollebec filius Radulfi de Bollebec et Ellene de Poyntona et heredes nostri warantizabimus acquietabimus defendemus predictis canonicis et monialibus de Ormesby et eorum [*sic*] successoribus predictam terram cum predictis toftis et croftis et cum omnibus aliis asiamentis infra villam et extra sicut prenominatum est in puram et perpetuam elemosinam contra omnes homines imperpetuum exceptis sallinis ad predictam [terram] spectantibus Ut hec autem donacio confirmacio et concessio robur firmitatis optineat presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus domino Henrico rectore ecclesie de Folestow domino Radulfo de Mundewille domino Willelmo de Kyme Thoma de Burgge balliuo Johanne Leke de Folestowe Willelmo Thaun de Ludeburgge Bartholomeo de Salleby Johanne de Newtona Roberto clerico et aliis .

[21] Cuntis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit dominus Henricus filius Gilberti de Lekeburna ‡ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby unam piscariam in territorio de Germestorp que Anglice vocatur Fiskerum quam Costhe filius Inge de me aliquando tenuit jacentem inter terram Walteri de Wyldeker versus aquilonem quam Willelmus filius Arnegrim tenuit et terram Willelmi de Kyme versus austrum quam Robertus filius Alani tenuit cum tota sua longitudine a portu que vocatur Shuyn usque in profundum maris Tenendum et habendum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam dictis priori et conuentui propter pasturam quater viginti ouium quam dictis priori et conuentui coram iusticiariis in territorio de Foterby warantizare non potui videlicet anno gracie domini Millesimo cc^mo^ quinquagesimo. Et ego dictus Henricus et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus predictis priori et conuentui dictam piscariam que vocatur Fiskerum contra omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Petro de Wyhum Roberto de eadem villa Haket de Utterby Ricardo filio suo Ricardo filio Willelmi Damme de Foterby Waltero filio suo Ranulfo de Foterby Martino de eadem et aliis .

bovates of land in the territory of Fulstowe with the tofts and crofts belonging to the aforesaid land, with meadows, pastures, feedings, and with all other easements within the village and without, except the saltpans belonging to the aforesaid land; namely one bovate which Robert Gaugi at one time held with a toft and a croft, the other which Robert le Laudere at one time held of my father with a toft and a croft in the village of Fulstowe. To have and to hold the aforesaid land with the aforesaid tofts and crofts, with meadows, pastures, feedings, and with all easements within the village and without belonging to the aforesaid land, except the saltpans belonging to the aforesaid land, to God and blessed Mary of Ormesby and the canons and nuns serving God there in pure and perpetual alms freely, quietly, and peaceably, as freely as any man can most freely grant his demesne in pure and perpetual alms. And I, Ralf de Bollebec, son of Ralf de Bollebec and Ellen of Pointon, and our heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the aforesaid land with the aforesaid tofts and crofts and with all other easements within the village and without as is aforesaid except the saltpans belonging to the aforesaid land in pure and perpetual alms to the aforesaid canons and nuns of Ormsby and their successors against all men for ever. Moreover that this gift, confirmation, and grant may obtain the strength of durability I have set my seal to the present writing. [*Early Henry III.*]

[21] To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present writing shall come, Sir Henry son of Gilbert of Legbourne sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby one fishery in the territory of Grainthorpe which in English is called Fiskerum which Costhe son of Inge at one time held of me lying between the land of Walter de Wildeker towards the north which William son of Arngrim held and the land of William of Kyme towards the south which Robert son of Alan held with its whole length from the port which is called Shuyn as far as the deep of the sea. To hold and to have in pure and perpetual alms to the said prior and convent by reason of pasture for eighty sheep in the territory of Fotherby which I could not warrant to the said prior and convent before the justices, namely in the year of grace 1250. And I, the said Henry and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the said fishery which is called Fiskerum to the aforesaid prior and convent against all men for ever. [*1250.*]

[22] Cuntis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Willelmus filius Amfridi de Lekeburna ꝛ salutem Noueritis me diuine amoris intuitu concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et conuentui beate Marie de Ormesby duas bouatas terre in campis de Foterby videlicet quartam partem tocius demenii quod fuit Hugonis de Tuit in prenominata villa cum quarta parte tocius prati prenominati demenii et quarta parte in marisco que pertinebat ad prenominatum dominium [*sic*] et cum pastura ad centum oues et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus predicto domenio [*sic*] pertinentibus simul cum tofto que [*sic*] est pars quarta domenii tofti id est propinquiori parte tofti ecclesie que omnia Herebertus filius meus prenominato conuentui dedit et carta sua confirmauit pro iiii solidis annuatim persoluendis Licebit autem sepedicto conuentui terram suam predictam de marisco fossata aut sepi [*sic*] circumcludere aut quod sibi amplius expedierit inde facere Hec vero omnia libera et quieta ab omni exaccione et seruicio in perpetuam elemosinam prenominato conuentui ego et heredes mei erga omnes homines warantizabimus saluis nobis predictis iiii solidis quos nobis ad Natiuitatem beati Johannis Baptiste annuatim pro omni seruicio persoluent Testibus Willelmo Wium Gilberto de Ormesby Roberto fratre eius Thoma persona de Luda magistro Roberto de Gant' Gilberto filio Willelmi Eustachio de Denbelby Willelmo filio Thome Thoma de Luda Humfrido filio Sigw*ardi* Humfrido de Bulib*roch* Willelmo de Ludeword Radulfo capellano de Lud Adam capellano de Ormesby Willelmo de Hauk' Rogero Malereb .

[23] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Hugo de Wildekir ꝛ salutem Sciatis me dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse assensu et consensu uxoris mee Tephane et heredum meorum deo et sancte Marie et conuentui de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam cum Matilde filia mea in eadem domo ad religionem recepta totum pratum meum cum demenio meo in marisco de Foterby preter terram cultum [*sic*] et toftos scilicet totum pratum meum in Capel in occidentali parte et orientali de Louthkedic que-que pertinencia [*sic*] ad domenium meum Dedi eciam prenominato conuentui toftum quod fuit Siuardi Benne quod Ordo tenuit de me pro octo denariis annuatim liberum et quietum ab omni seruicio et exaccione Set eciam dedi eis humagium Alani filii Leuerici de Foterbi cum catallis suis Hec omnia dedi eis in liberam elemosinam et ab omni seculari seruicio quietam pro anime mee salute et omnium meorum Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis hanc elemosinam erga omnes homines Hiis testibus Wigano prisbitero Hamone scriptore Waltero clerico Radulfo de Hauley Roberto de Ormesby Galfrido de Bontoun Hugone de Hauley Widone presbitero Roberto fratre Hugonis de Wildekir et Roberto filio eius et Roberto nepote eius Lamberto del Tuuit Radulfo Rufo Alardo de Ormesby Gilberto de Hespiney .

[22] To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present writing shall come William son of Amfrid of Legbourne sends greeting. Know that I, at the impulse of divine love, have granted and by this my charter confirmed to God and the convent of blessed Mary of Ormsby two bovates of land in the fields of Fotherby ; namely the fourth part of the whole demesne which was Hugh de Twit's in the aforenamed village with the fourth part of the whole meadow of the aforenamed demesne and the fourth part in the marsh which belonged to the aforenamed demesne and with pasture for a hundred sheep and with all other liberties belonging to the aforesaid demesne, together with the toft which is the fourth part of the demesne toft, that is, on the side nearest the toft of the church ; all which things Herbert my son gave to the aforenamed convent and by his charter confirmed for four shillings to be rendered yearly. Moreover it shall be lawful to the aforesaid convent to enclose their aforesaid land from the marsh with a ditch or hedge or to do therewith whatever more shall be necessary. Moreover I and my heirs will warrant all these things in perpetual alms to the aforenamed convent free and quit from all exaction and service against all men, reserving to us the aforesaid four shillings which they shall pay us yearly at the Nativity of the blessed John the Baptist for all service. [*Circa 1180-1200.*]

[23] To all the faithful of Christ present and future Hugh de Wildekir sends greeting. Know that I have given and by this my charter confirmed with the assent and consent of my wife Tephany and of my heirs to God and Saint Mary and the convent of Ormsby, in pure and perpetual alms with Maud my daughter who has been received into religion in the same house, my whole meadow with my demesne in the marsh of Fotherby saving the tilled land and the tofts ; namely my whole meadow in Capel on the west and east side of Louthkedic which belongs to my demesne. I have also given to the aforenamed convent the toft which was Siward Benne's which Ordo held of me for eight pence yearly free and quit from all service and exaction. Moreover I have given them the homage of Alan son of Leveric of Fotherby with his chattels. All these things I have given them in free alms and quit from all worldly service for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my kin. And I and my heirs will warrant this alms to them against all men. [*Circa 1180-1200.*]

[24] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Thomas de Luda filius Ranulphi ‹ salutem Sciatis me assensu et concessu filiorum meorum Willelmi et Johannis et aliorum heredum meorum dedisse et mea presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis unam bouatam terre et dimidiam in campis de Foterby que fuerunt Siwardi de Coldune cum tofto in prenominata villa et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis in pratis et pasturis et liberis introitibus et exitibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Hanc vero donacionem feci eis liberam et quietam ex omni seculari seruicio et exaccione ex me et heredibus meis faciendo forinsecum seruicium cum filiabus meis quas susceperunt in ordine suo et gwarantizabo eis et heredes mei post me imperpetuum erga omnes homines ut michi et meis viuis et mortuis proficiat hic et ante deum Hiis testibus Hamelino decano magistro Roberto de Gaitun Roberto et Alano sacerdotibus de Luda Ricardo capellano de Ormesby Willelmo diacono de Luda Thoma filio Thome Waltero Malherbe Thoma filio Siwati Alano Saterday Symone et Johanne fratre suo Rogero Malherbe Umfrido filio Sigwardi de Luda Willelmo filio Damme Stephano et Gilberto Donnai de Foterby.

[25] Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Lambertus de Twit dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unam bouatam terre in campis de Foterby scilicet decem acras terre ex una parte et x ex alia parte eiusdem ville de terra videlicet quam teneo de domino Rogero de Clere Hanc autem donacionem feci eis cum prato quod ad eandem bouatam pertinet et omnibus libertatibus eidem bouete pertinentibus intra villam et extra imperpetuum possidendam liberam et quietam absque omni accione et seruicio seculari excepto forinseco seruicio quod ipsi facient quantum ad eandem bouatam predictam pertinet Hec autem dedi eis pro salute anime mee et omnium meorum et patris mei matrisque mee atque omnium fidelium viuorum et mortuorum antecessorum meorum Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis omnia predicta erga omnes homines imperpetuum et hoc affidauimus ego Lambertus et Henricus filius et heres meus Hiis testibus Reginaldo decano Gilberto decano de Besebi Adelardo prisbitero [*sic*] Hugone de Baius Willelmo de Lekeburne filio Roberti Roberto filio Gilberti de Ormesby Roberto Bechet Suano preposito de Luda Thoma filio Siwate Roberto filio Gilberti decani Radulfo clerico de Foterby Martino clerico Gilleberto Rufo Stephano de Foterby Willelmo filio Damme.

[26] Cuntis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Helias Moysen salutem Noueritis me de consensu uxoris mee et heredum meorum dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et conuentui beate Marie de

[24] To all the sons of holy mother church Thomas of Louth son of Ranulf sends greeting. Know that I with the assent and agreement of my sons William and John and of my other heirs have given and by my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, one bovate and a half of land in the fields of Fotherby which were Siward de Coldune's with a toft in the aforenamed village and with all their other appurtenances in meadows and feedings and free entries and exits in pure and perpetual alms. Moreover I have made this gift to them with my daughters whom they have received in their order, free and quit from all worldly service and exaction as regards me and my heirs, doing forinsec service, and I and my heirs after me for ever will warrant this gift to them against all men, so that it may profit me and mine living and dead, here and before God. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[25] Let all as well future as present know that I, Lambert de Twit, have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and Saint Mary and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, one bovate of land in the fields of Fotherby, namely ten acres of land on one side and ten on the other side of the same village, from the land that I hold of the lord Roger de Clere. Moreover I have made this gift to them with the meadow which belongs to the same bovate and with all liberties belonging to the same bovate within the village and without to possess for ever free and quit from all action and worldly service except forinsec service which they shall do as much as belongs to the aforesaid bovate. Moreover I have given these things to them for the safety of my soul and for the safety of the souls of all my kin and my father and my mother and all my faithful ancestors living and dead. And I and my heirs will warrant all the aforesaid things to them against all men for ever, and I, Lambert, and Henry my son and heir have pledged our faith to this. [*Before 1184.*]

[26] To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present writing shall come Elias Moysen sends greeting. Know that I with the consent of my wife and my heirs have given and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and the convent of

Ormesby in territorio de parua Grymsby culturam demenii mei que iacet inter culturas prenominati conuentus que est in longum a diuiso [*sic*] de Ormsby usque ad Tuincros maris et pratum quod iacet ad australe caput ipsius culture Preterea dedi predicto conuentui tres selliones infra Bonneacras que iacent inter terram conuentus et sellionem quam Warinus de Haule de me tenuit ⁊ Dedi eciam sepedicto conuentui totum pratum feudi mei in Bonneacras preter pratum quod pertinet ad quatuor bouatas quas Alicia de Catredale tenuit Licebit eciam prenominato conuentui quomodo voluerint includere pratum suum quod est ab aquilone crofti Gilberti de Laici Ego vero et heredes mei hec omnia libera et quieta ab omni seruicio et exaccione in puram et perpetuam elemosinam prenominato conuentui erga omnes homines warantizabimus pro salute anime mee et omnium meorum Teste Hamelino decano Adam presbitero Willelmo de Wyum Rogero fratre eius Gilberto filio Roberti Roberto fratre eius Waltero de Hambi Ricardo del Nordhelkigtona Henrico de Sudtorpa Willelmo del Halkigtona Habram del Helkigtona Thoma de Luda Willelmo et Johanne filiis eius.

[27] Notum sit omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis quod ego Rogerus Punchardun assensu et concessu domini mei Hugonis de Baiocis et uxoris mee et filiorum meorum et heredum meorum dedi et concessi et hac carta mea confirmaui deo et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni exaccione et seruicio seculari totum pratum meum quod habui in Crakeholm in territorio de Grimolbi scilicet quinque acras prati una percata minus pro salute et meorum [*sic*] et patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis predictum pratum erga omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Reginaldo decano Hamelino iuniore magistro Roberto de Taddewella magistro Roberto de Torgrimby Fulcone Ribald Willelmo filio Amfridi Willelmo filio Roberti Willelmo de Carleton Roberto Albo clerico de Grimolbi Willelmo filio Suain de Halingtun Johanne et Waltero de Lincolnia Alano Milani Rogero clerico de Luda.

[28] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Robertus de Wlingham ⁊ salutem in domino Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby unum toftum in Fletgate in villa de Grimesby illud videlicet toftum quod habui de dono Ricardi filii Botilde et iacet inter terram Alexandri de Hedune ex una parte et terram Willelmi Bull ex altera cum tota longitudine et latitudine sua et cum omnibus pertinenciis libertatibus et aisiamentis suis infra villam et extra Habendum et tenendum libere quiete et pacifice et integre reddendo inde annuatim dicto Ricardo

blessed Mary of Ormsby in the territory of Little Grimsby the *cultura* of my demesne which lies between the *culturæ* of the aforesaid convent and is in length from the boundary of Ormsby as far as Twincros marsh, and the meadow which lies at the south head of that *cultura*. Further I have given to the aforesaid convent three selions within Bonneacres which lie between the land of the convent and the selion which Warin de Haule held of me. I have also given to the said convent all the meadow of my fee in Bonneacres except the meadow which belongs to the four bovates which Alice de Catredale held. It shall also be lawful to the aforesaid convent to enclose their meadow which is on the north of the croft of Gilbert de Lacy in any way they wish. Moreover I and my heirs will warrant all these things to the aforenamed convent free and quit from all service and exaction in pure and perpetual alms for the safety of my soul and the souls of my kin. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[27] Be it known to all the sons of holy mother church that I Roger de Punchardon with the assent and agreement of my lord Hugh de Bayeux and my wife and my sons and my heirs have given and granted and by this my charter confirmed to God and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all exaction and worldly service my whole meadow which I had in Crakeholm in the territory of Grimoldby, namely five acres of meadow less one rood for the safety [of me] and mine and that of my father and my mother and all my ancestors. And I and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid meadow to them against all men for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[28] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present writing Robert of Willingham sends greeting in the Lord. Be it known that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby one toft in Fleetgate in the town of Grimsby, namely that toft which I had of the gift of Richard son of Botild, and it lies between the land of Alexander of Hedon on the one side and the land of William Bull on the other, with its whole length and breadth and with all its appurtenances, liberties, and easements within the village and without. To have and to hold freely, quietly, and peaceably, and entirely, rendering thence yearly to the said Richard

et heredibus suis quatuor solidos scilicet ad festum sancti Botulfi duodecim denarios et ad festum sancti Michaelis duodecim denarios et ad Natale duodecim denarios et ad pascha duodecim denarios pro omni seculari seruicio et exaccione prout plenius continetur in carta quam habui de dono dicti Ricardi Et ut hec mea donacio et confirmacio rata et stabilis in posterum permaneat presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Ada Wlbarn tunc maiore Roberto Enne Johanne Caretario tunc prepositis Johanne de Wlingham Gilberto filio Balduini tunc coronatoribus Willelmo Julian Willelmo de Sixle.

[29] Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus filius Botilde de Grimesbi dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Roberto de Wlyngham et heredibus suis in feudo et hereditate unum toftum in Fletgate quod iacet in [*sic*] terram Alexandri de Hedona ex una parte et terram Willelmi Bull ex altera cum tota longitudine et latitudine Habendum et tenendum sibi et heredibus suis libere quiete et pacifice reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis quatuor solidos scilicet ad festum sancti Botulfi duodecim denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis duodecim denarios ad Natale duodecim denarios ad Pascha duodecim denarios et ego dictus Ricardus et heredes mei dictum toftum dicto Roberto et heredibus suis contra omnes homines imperpetuum warantizabimus In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Ada Wlm [*sic*] tunc maiore Roberto Enne Henrico Kann tunc prepositis Willelmo Julian Johanne de Wlingham Willelmo Ben' Gilberto Baldwyn Hugone de Hadelyf Roberto de Wykstow Alexandro de Hedona et aliis.

[30] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Gilbertus de Beningwrd ⁝ salutem Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et heredum meorum et omnium antecessorum sex beschas ad fodiendum glebas in marisco de Bulingbroch cum pertinenciis suis imperpetuum scilicet sex beschas de illis viginti beschis quas dominus Ranulfus comes Cestrie michi dedit faciendo idem seruicium domino comiti Cestrie et heredibus suis quod ego inde facere solebam videlicet pro qualibet bescha tres solidos per annum pro omni seruicio Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus prenominato conuentui hanc meam donacionem et acquietabimus et defendemus per predictum seruicium erga omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Willelmo de Kendna [*sic*] Nicholao fratre eius Olivero de Hercy Radulfo de Sumerdeby Thoma filio Willelmi de Kendnai.

[31] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Gilbertus de Beningworth ⁝ salutem Notum sit uobis omnibus me dedisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam et liberam

and his heirs four shillings, namely at the feast of Saint Botulf twelve pence, and at the feast of Saint Michael twelve pence, and at Christmas twelve pence, and at Easter twelve pence for all worldly service and exaction as is more fully contained in the charter which I had touching the gift of the said Richard. And that this my gift and confirmation may remain firm and stable for ever I have set my seal to the present writing. [*Henry III.*]

[29] Let present and future know that I Richard son of Botild of Grimsby have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to Robert of Willingham and his heirs in fee and inheritance one toft in Fleetgate which lies between the land of Alexander of Hedon on the one side and the land of William Bull on the other with its whole length and breadth. To have and to hold to him and his heirs freely, quietly, and peaceably rendering thence yearly to me and my heirs four shillings, namely at the feast of Saint Botulf twelve pence, at the feast of Saint Michael twelve pence, at Christmas twelve pence, at Easter twelve pence. And I, the said Richard, and my heirs will warrant the said toft to the said Robert and his heirs against all men for ever. In witness whereof I have set my seal to the present writing. [*Henry III.*]

[30] To all the faithful of Christ present and future Gilbert of Benniworth sends greeting. Know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed in perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby for the safety of my soul and the souls of my heirs and all my ancestors six spades for digging turves in the marsh of Bolingbroke with their appurtenances for ever, namely six spades from those twenty spades which the lord Ranulf earl of Chester gave me, doing the same service to the lord earl of Chester and his heirs as I used to do thence; namely for every spade three shillings each year for all service. And I and my heirs will warrant this my gift to the aforenamed convent and will acquit and defend it in virtue of the aforesaid service against all men for ever. [*Before 1216.*]

[31] To all the faithful of Christ Gilbert of Benniworth sends greeting. Be it known to you all that I have given and by this present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual and free alms to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren,

elemosinam unam bouatam terre in Westerkeles cum tofto et crofto et omnibus aliis pertinenciis infra uillam et extra illam scilicet bouatam quam Siwardus filius Godwini tenet una cum ipso Siwardo et catallis suis et generacione sua pro animabus patris et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum ad perficiendam unam pitanciam predictis sanctimonialibus et fratribus die aniuersarii matris mee Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis hanc nostram elemosinam erga omnes homines de omnibus rebus Hiis testibus Gregorio de Beningworth Hugone Uilain Henrico de Bilingher' Ranulfo de Millet Ricardo de Suabi Siwato de Beningworthe Alano homine Henrici Ricardo de Houtun Alano de Sticheneie Oliuero de Areci Radulfo de Castre.

[32] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Willelmus Beket dominus de Croxby ꝰ salutem . Sciatis me dedisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby utriusque sexus unum croftum in villa de Croxby scilicet quod Gunny de me tenuit et duas selliones in territorio eiusdem ville videlicet unam sellionem versus aquilonem que iacet super Pesfurlanges iuxta forarium Godrici et alteram sellionem versus austrum super Wrafurlanges iuxta terram Willelmi Pollard Insuper unam acram terre cuius medietas iacet super Rigdales in occidente iuxta terram Radulfi filii Walteri et altera medietas iacet in oriente super collem ultra domum Alani Dosy Hec omnia dedi eis cum pertinenciis et libertatibus suis quiete tenenda ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione Ego uero et heredes mei warantizabimus eis hanc donacionem et elemosinam et acquietabimus et defendemus de omnibus rebus et demandis et de omnibus exaccionibus versus omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Radulfo decano de Rothewella Roberto de Lindesay Gilberto de Ormesby Jordano de Brakenberch Ricardo filio Baldwini et aliis.

[33] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Willelmus Beket de Croxby ꝰ salutem Sciatis me dedisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo beate Marie et monialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis unum toftum in Croxby scilicet quod Gunny tenuit et duas selliones in territorio eiusdem ville unam sellionem versus aquilonem de villa que iacet super Sefurlanges iuxta la forere Godrici et alteram sellionem versus austrum de villa super Wrafurlanges iuxta terram Willelmi Pollard Dedi eciam eis pasturam sufficientem ad trescentas oues in predicto territorio Hec omnia dedi eis cum pertinenciis et libertatibus et libero introitu intra villam et extra libere et quiete tenenda ab omni seruicio seculari et exaccione Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis hanc donacionem et elemosinam et acquietabimus et defendemus de omnibus rebus et demandis et de omnibus exaccionibus versus omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Radulfo decano de Rothewella Radulfo de Lindsay Gilberto de Ormesby Jurdano de Brackenburga Matheo Vanni Radulfo persona Ricardo de la Musche Radulfo filio Baldwini.

clerk and lay, one bovate of land in West Keal with a toft and croft and all other appurtenances within the village and without, namely that bovate which Siward son of Godwin holds, together with Siward himself and his chattels and his issue for the souls of my father and mother and all my ancestors to make up one pittance for the aforesaid nuns and brethren on the day of the anniversary of my mother. And I and my heirs will warrant this our alms to them against all men from all things. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[32] To all the faithful of Christ William Beket, lord of Croxby, sends greeting. Know that I have given and by my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God, blessed Mary, and the convent of either sex at Ormsby one croft in the village of Croxby, namely that which Gunny held of me, and two selions in the territory of the same village ; namely one selion towards the north which lies upon Pesfurlanges next Godric's headland, and the other selion towards the south upon Wrafurlanges next the land of William Pollard, and also one acre of land of which half lies upon Rigdales on the west next the land of Ralf son of Walter, and the other half lies on the east upon the hill beyond the house of Alan Dosy. All these things I have given them with their appurtenances and liberties to hold quit from all worldly service and exaction. Moreover I and my heirs will warrant and acquit and defend this gift and alms to them from all matters and demands and from all exactions against all men for ever. [*circa 1200.*]

[33] To all the faithful of Christ William Beket of Croxby sends greeting. Know that I have given and by my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God, blessed Mary, and the nuns of Ormesby and their brethren, clerk and lay, one toft in Croxby, namely that which Gunny held, and two selions in the territory of the same village, one selion to the north of the village which lies upon Sefurlanges next Godric's headland,and the other selion towards the south of the village upon Wrafurlanges next the land of William Pollard. I have also given them pasture sufficient for three hundred sheep in the aforesaid territory. All these things I have given them with appurtenances and liberties and free entry within the village and without, to hold free and quit from all worldly service and exaction. And I and my heirs will warrant and acquit and defend this gift and alms to them from all matters and demands and from all exactions against all men for ever. [*Circa 1200.*]

[34] Omnibus has litteras visuris vel audituris magister Walterus Crispyn ⁝ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby maxime ad supplendam [*sic*] necessitatem linei panni in usus monialium eiusdem domus septem bouatas terre arabilis in territorio de Bartona cum tribus toftis in eadem villa et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis et aisiamentis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus infra villam et extra in puram et perpetuam elemosinam habendas et tenendas libere quiete et pacifice de me et heredibus meis Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto conuentui predictam terram cum omnibus suis pertinenciis et acquietabimus et defendemus contra omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Radulpho de Gousil Rogero Gold de Bartona Radulpho de Sicca Villa Alano de Watsaund Willelmo Roulf de Bartona et aliis.

[35] Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Conanus filius Johannis filii Mengi concessione et consensu matris mee et fratrum meorum et heredum meorum concessi et dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam perpetuo possidendam et habendam in campis Welletone decem acras terre in vi locis secundum perticam viginti pedum cum sorore mea Garsa scilicet apud Haleon unam culturam xvii perticarum latitudinis et xxxvii longitudinis et apud Arnaldesic vii perticarum et dimidie latitudinis et sexaginta trium perticarum longitudinis et apud Lambecotes sic quinque perticarum et trium quarteriorum latitudinis et xx perticarum longitudinis et apud Fagereshowes x perticarum et dimidii latitudinis et xxv longitudinis[1] et ad orientalem partem predicte Welletun unam acram terre in duobus locis apud Maideneyornedale cum omnibus libertatibus que ad has prenominatas decem acras pertinent ubique cum communi pastura prefate ville scilicet Welletun Hec autem omnia dedi et concessi atque confirmaui ista presenti carta mea simul et omnia que pater meus et mater mea et egomet prescriptis sanctimonialibus donauimus vel cartis nostris confirmauimus iterum hac concessi et confirmaui carta in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni exaccione et consuetudine et seculari seruicio eisdem monialibus et fratribus suis Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis hec omnia erga omnes homines imperpetuum His testibus Rogero Benigword Gilberto filio eius Radulpho persona de Croxby Roberto filio Gilberti de Ormesby Galfrido filio Johannis et Philippo et Willelmo fratribus eius Petro preposito de Welletun Joce filio Rannulphi Roberto filio Agemundi Alexandro de Welletun Waltero filio Milonis Roberto de Otteby Willelmo de Houtun Petro de Bekeringe Beniamin clerico de Croxeby Roberto Bygot de Langetun Roberto filio Radulphi de Hotham Waltero Faluel.

[34] To all who shall see or hear these letters Master Walter Crispin sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby, and this especially to make up the need of linen cloth for the uses of the nuns of the same house, seven bovates of arable land in the territory of Barton with three tofts in the same village and with all their other appurtenances and easements, liberties, and free customs within the village and without in pure and perpetual alms, to have and to hold freely, quietly, and peaceably of me and my heirs. And I and my heirs will warrant and acquit and defend the aforesaid land with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid convent against all men for ever. [*Early thirteenth century.*]

[35] Let all as well future as present know that I, Conan son of John son of Mengi, by the grant and with the consent of my mother and my brothers and my heirs have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms, with my sister Garsa, to God and Saint Mary and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, to possess and to have for ever in the fields of Welton ten acres of land in six places according to the perch of twenty feet; namely at Haleon one *cultura* of the breadth of seventeen perches and of the length of thirty seven, and at Arnaldesic seven perches and a half in breadth and sixty-three perches in length, and at Lambecotes sic five perches and three quarters in breadth and twenty perches in length, and at Fagereshowes ten perches and a half in breadth and twenty-five perches in length, and on the east side of the aforesaid Welton one acre of land in two places at Maideneyornedale, with all liberties which belong everywhere to these aforenamed ten acres with common pasture of the aforesaid village, namely Welton. Moreover I have given and granted and confirmed by this my present charter all these things, and also I have granted and confirmed again by this charter all things which my father and my mother and I myself have given or confirmed by our charters to the aforewritten nuns in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all exaction and custom and worldly service to the same nuns and their brethren. And I and my heirs will warrant all these things to them against all men for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[1] The details of the nine measured acres give a total area of 1479 square *pertice*. This works out at an average acre of rather more than 164 square perches.

[36] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Radulphus filius Radulphi de Bollebech' ꝛ salutem Noueritis me diuine pietatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum et heredum meorum dedisse concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby octodecim acras prati mei in territorio de Fugelstowe que continentur in locis subscriptis videlicet in Redeng sexdecim acre quarum nouem et dimidia iacent in le Henedale inter pratum Picoti de Lasceles et abutaciones alterius prati ville de Fugelstowe Et in Brakandale quinque acre et dimidia iacentes inter pratum Picoti de Lasceles et pratum Alani de Normanby Et in Ascholmo una acra inter terram Picoti de Lasceles ex utraque parte Et in prato quod vocatur le Cunigeseng due acre inter pratum dicta Picoti et pratum Alani de Normanby Tenendum et habendum dicto conuentui de Ormesby in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam cum libero introitu et exitu et omnibus aisiamentis et libertatibus de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum Et ego et heredes mei hanc meam donacionem et confirmacionem dicto conuentui de Ormesby warantizabimus defendemus et de omnibus acquietabimus contra omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Alano tunc decano de Ludescha Hugone tunc persona de Fulgastowe domino Alano de Normanby domino Willelmo de Kyma domino Radulpho de Haulay domino Gilberto de Ormesby Alano de Beseby Radulpho clerico de Wihum Johanne filio Willelmi de Cokeringtona Matheo et Jacobo de Ludburg.

[37] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Walterus de Hamby ꝛ salutem Uniuersitati vestre notum sit me diuine pietatis intuitu et heredum meorum gratuita concessione dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate virgini Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum deo et religioni famulantibus quadraginta acras terre in campis de Ormesby scilicet xxx et vi acras in Westlanges iuxta terram monachorum et iiiior acras iuxta Flintouh' Has vero prenominatas quadraginta acras dedi prefatis monialibus et fratribus earum liberas et quietas ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina melius et liberius religiosis datur defendendas et warantizandas imperpetuum et hoc feci pro mea meorumque salute ut prosit nobis hic et in eternum Testibus Radulfo Ludensi abbate Hugone priore de Lindeleya Waltero de Waltham Galfrido de Aluingham Radulfo filio Drui Radulfo de Wium Roberto Pormort Waltero Vanni Roberto filio Haihe Hermero filio Drui Willelmo de Glentham Pagano de Cestria Willelmo filio Radulfi Rogero monacho.

[38] Notum sit omnibus sancte matris ecclesie quod ego Willelmus de Sart assensu et consensu domini mei Hugonis de Baiocis et uxoris mee et heredum meorum dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby

[36] To all the sons of holy mother church to whom the present writing shall come Ralf son of Ralf de Bollebec sends greeting. Know that I at the impulse of divine piety for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors and heirs have given, granted, and by this my charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby eighteen acres of my meadow in the territory of Fulstowe which are contained in the underwritten places ; namely in Redeng sixteen acres of which nine and a half lie in le Hendale between the meadow of Picot de Lasceles and the abuttments of the other meadow of the village of Fulstowe, and in Brakendale five acres and a half lying between the meadow of Picot de Lasceles and the meadow of Alan of Normanby, and in Ascholm one acre between the land of Picot de Lasceles on either side, and in the meadow which is called le Cunigeseng[1] two acres between the meadow of the said Picot and the meadow of Alan of Normanby. To hold and to have to the said convent of Ormsby of me and my heirs with free entry and exit and all easements and liberties in free, pure, and perpetual alms for ever. And I and my heirs will warrant, defend, and acquit this my gift and confirmation to the said convent of Ormsby against all men for ever. [*Early Henry III.*]

[1] That is the King's Ing.

[37] To all the sons of holy mother church present and future Walter de Hamby sends greeting. Be it known to the whole body of you that at the impulse of divine piety and by the free grant of my heirs I have given and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the blessed Virgin Mary and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren serving God and religion forty acres of land in the fields of Ormsby, namely thirty-six acres in Westlanges next the land of the monks and four acres next Flintouh'. Moreover I have given these aforenamed forty acres, to be defended and warranted for ever, to the aforesaid nuns and their brethren free and quit from all worldly service and exaction in pure and perpetual alms as any alms is best and most freely given to the religious. And I have done this for my safety and that of my kin that it may profit us here and in eternity. [*Early Henry II.*]

[38] Be it known to all of holy mother church that I, William de Sart, with the assent and consent of my lord Hugh de Bayeux and of my wife and my heirs have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the nuns of Ormsby

et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni exaccione et seculari seruicio totum pratum meum quod habui in deila que vocatur Ingenestang in territorio de Grimolby scilicet duas acras prati pro salute anime mee et meorum patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum Et ego et heredes mei post me warantizabimus eis prenominatum pratum erga omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Hugone de Bodhilla Simone filio Radulfi Petro de Becring Radulfo filio Briani Waltero de Samlice Gilberto de Luda Geruasio de Wragby Roberto filio Briani Henrico filio Beuti Radulpho fratre eius Lamberto filio Simonis de Gringelthorp.

[39] Notum sit cuntis Christi fidelibus quod ego Matheus filius Walteri de Hunby consensu et assensu uxoris mee Matildis dedi et concessi sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum partem aquilonalem culture mee que est in valle cuius nomen est Rauendale videlicet duodecim acras terre arabilis ex parte australi grangie de Utterby inter viam de Couenham et curtem eiusdem grangie in perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio pro anima patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum et pro salute mea et uxoris mee et omnium amicorum nostrorum . Hiis testibus Willelmo sacerdote de Griboleby magistro Rogero de Cunegesholm Waltero clerico filio Roberti Gregorio clerico fratre Rogeri de Beningwrth et Matheo fratre eius Waltero Vanni Gilberto fratre Roberti filii *Gilberti* et Ricardo nepote eius Haraldo fratre eius Rogero coco et Ernaldo coco Badwino preposito Martino stabulario Matilda uxore Roberti filii Gilberti Sibilla uxore Rogeri de Beningwrth Juliano de Achathorp.

[40] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Rogerus Tulla de Sancto Botulfo : salutem Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby quandam partem tofti mei in villa Sancti Botulfi quod est iuxta toftum Willelmi Coif ab occidente scilicet septuaginta pedes longitudinis ab australi parte domus in qua solebant hospitare in nundinis versus aquilonem et predictam domum cum libero introitu et exitu ad bigas et quadrigas et triginta octo pedes latitudinis a tofto predicti Willelmi Coif versus occidentem et ab australi parte predicte domus terram decem et octo pedum longitudinis et nouem pedum latitudinis proximam domui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni exaccione et seculari seruicio pro salute anime mee et pro anima Asceline quondam uxoris mee et pro animabus antecessorum et heredum meorum Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus predictam terram erga omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Johanne filio Jordani Johanne Samuel Joceo filio Jordani Haimeri [*sic*] de Wybertona Joceo Marleward Ricardo Perleben Waltero filio Sigerithe Bernardo alderman Gilberto de Kaburna Thoma filio Jocelini Osberto de Wagna Radulfo de Stanhou Edmundo Prest et multis aliis.

and their brethren, clerk and lay, in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all exaction and worldly service for the safety of my soul and the souls of my kin and my father and my mother and all my ancestors, all my meadow which I had in the strip which is called Ingenestang in the territory of Grimoldby, namely two acres of meadow. And I and my heirs after me will warrant the aforenamed meadow to them against all men for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[39] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ that I, Matthew son of Walter de Hunby, with the consent and assent of my wife Maud have given and granted to the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren the north part of my *cultura* which is in the valley called Ravendale, namely twelve acres of arable land on the south side of the grange of Utterby between the way from Covenham and the court of the same grange, in perpetual alms free and quit from all worldly service for the souls of my father and my mother and all my ancestors and for my safety and that of my wife and of all our friends. [*Henry II.*]

[40] To all the faithful of Christ present and future Roger Tulla of Boston sends greeting. Know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to God, blessed Mary, and the convent of Ormsby a certain part of my toft in the town of Boston which is next the toft of William Coif on the west, namely seventy feet in length from the south side of the house in which they used to lodge in fair-time towards the north, and the aforesaid house with entry and exit for their carts and waggons, and thirty-eight feet in breadth from the toft of the aforesaid William Coif towards the west, and land on the south side of the aforesaid house eighteen feet in length and nine feet in breadth next the house, in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all exaction and worldly service for the safety of my soul and for the soul of Ascelina once my wife and for the souls of my ancestors and heirs. And I and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the aforesaid land against all men for ever. [*Early thirteenth century.*]

[41] Roberto dei gratia Lincolniensi episcopo et omni capitulo sancte Marie Alanus filius W. de Welletun ⁊ salutem Notum sit vobis quod ego concessione et assensu uxoris mee et omnium heredum meorum concessi sanctimonialibus de Khedingtuna pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et patris et matris mee et omnium parentum meorum nouem acras de terra mea que est de feudo meo in campo de Welletun inter Louadalia et diuisam de Alingtun et divisam ad Elcingtun propinquiores molendino supradictarum sororum in meo et fratris mei Alexandri feudo sito et comunem pasturam per totam terram meam et comunes introïtus et comunes exitus tocius terre mee et comunes vias et comunes aquas sine omni calumpnia Hanc donacionem dedi eis in puram elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni terreno seruicio et terreno dono et sine omni calumpnia cum omni ecclesiastica libertate de me et de meis heredibus imperpetuum possidendam . Hanc donacionem quicumque minuerit vel turbauerit anathema sit Huius donationis sunt testes Willelmus bonus amicus monachus de Parco Hamelinus decanus Toroldus sacerdos Hugo de Schitebocc [*sic*] Osbertus de Salfleteby Ricardus clericus de Velle Hugo de Covenom Folche Ribalt Hiue de Maraies Randolphus de Brachenberch Robertus de Pormort Heustachius de Cateby .

[42] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam futuris quam presentibus Toroldus de Welletun salutem ⁊ Sciatis me dedisse assensu uxoris mee et heredum meorum Walteri filii mei et aliorum filiorum meorum deo et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby sex acras terre arabilis a parte orientali de Lofdale sicut diuisim iacent de meo libero socagio in puram et perpetuam elemosinam et illas sex acras predictas warantizabimus ego et heredes mei predictis sanctimonialibus contra omnes sicut nostram specialem elemosinam Testes Gykell de Jertheburc Rannulphus de Griboldeby Robertus Gocele Robertus filius Mole Gilbertus de Saltfletteby et alii multi de Sokne scilicet Alanus senescallus comitis de Fenne Alanus filius Toroldi de Eisterby Willellmus fater [*sic*] eius Walterus Galle Alanus homo Brien Walterus de Spaldyngmor.

[43] Notum sit omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris quod ego Brianus filius Alani de Welletona pro anima patris et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum concessi et dedi sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et conuentui viginti acras terre arabilis in territorio de Welletun iacentes ex orientali parte de Louedale et communem pasturam de Mikelhil et de Brottewange et in Holm aueriis suis cum libero introitu et exitu et in omnibus pasturis que ad domenium meum pertinent cum omnibus pertinenciis et aisiamentis suis infra villam de Welletun et extra Tenenda et habenda omnia predicta dictis sanctimonialibus et conuentui de Ormesby in puram et liberam elemosinam de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum sine aliquo retinemento possidenda Et ego Brianus filius Alani de

[41] To Robert by the grace of God bishop of Lincoln and to all the chapter of Saint Mary Alan son of William of Welton sends greeting. Be it known to you that by the grant and with the assent of my wife and all my heirs I have granted to the nuns of Keddington for the safety of my soul and of the souls of my wife and father and mother and all my kin, nine acres of my land which is of my fee in the field of Welton between Lovadale and the boundary of Hallington and the boundary of Elkington next the mill of the aforesaid sisters set in my fee and the fee of my brother Alexander, and common pasture through all my land, and common entries and common exits of all my land, and common ways and common waters, without any claim. I have given this gift to them in pure alms free and quit from all earthly service and earthly gift and without any claim, with all ecclesiastical liberty, to possess for ever of me and my heirs. Whosoever shall threaten or disturb this gift let him be anathema. [*Circa 1155.*]

[42] To all the sons of holy mother church as well future as present Thorald of Welton sends greeting. Know that with the assent of my wife and my heirs, of Walter my son and my other sons, I have given in pure and perpetual alms to God and the nuns of Ormsby six acres of arable land of my free socage on the east side of Lofdale as they lie separately. And I and my heirs will warrant those aforesaid six acres to the aforesaid nuns against all men as our special alms. [*Circa 1170.*]

[43] Be it known to all who shall see or hear this writing that I Brian son of Alan of Welton for the soul of my father and the soul of my mother and the souls of all my ancestors have granted and given to the nuns and the convent of Ormsby twenty acres of arable land in the territory of Welton lying on the east side of Lovedale and common pasture of Mikelhil and Brottewang and in Holm for their plough beasts with free entry and exit, and in all pastures which belong to my demesne with all their appurtenances and casements within the village of Welton and without. To hold and to have all the aforesaid things to the said nuns and convent of Ormsby of me and my heirs for ever in pure and free alms, to possess without any reservation. And I Brian son of Alan of Welton and

Welletona et heredes mei omnia predicta sicut predictum est dictis sanctimonialibus et conuentui de Ormesby warantizabimus et defendemus contra omnes homines imperpetuum Huius vero concessionis et donacionis testes sunt Hamelinus filius Osberti decani Osbertus prisbeter [*sic*] huius ville Alanus et Alexander fratres eius Thoraldus decanus.

[44] Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Ricardus clericus filius Rogeri de Sudkelsey ⁝ salutem Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse deo beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby quasdam terras quas habui iure hereditario in campo de North Kellesey videlicet unam sellionem ad Langethorn iacentem inter terram prioris de Ormesby et terram Gilberti filii Rogeri et unam sellionem ad Cotedaile iacentem inter terram filiorum Hugonis et Tenstang et unam sellionem abuttantem super Ailmer iacentem inter le Tenstang et terram Rogeri filii Roberti et unam sellionem similiter abuttantem super Ailmer inter terram Gilberti filii Rogeri et terram Rogeri filii Roberti et unam perticatam prati et dimidiam ex aquilonali parte de Langethorn inter pratum Gilberti filii Rogeri et pratum Petri filii Wydonis . et unam perticatam prati et quartam partem unius perticate iacentem inter terram prioris de Ormesby et pratum Gilberti filii Rogeri et unam sellionem extendentem se in longum de Langedicate usque ad Wenlergitefeudland Tenendas et habendas omnes has prenominatas terras libere quiete et pacifice et honorifice de me et heredibus meis in perpetuam elemosinam reddendo annuatim domino regi pro omni seruicio et consuetudine et seculari exaccione saluo forinseco ad terciam partem dimidie bouate terre pertinente octo denarios et unum quadrantem Scilicet quatuor denarios ad pascham et residuum ad festum sancti Michaelis Et ego et heredes mei vel assignati warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus prenominatas terras prenominato conuentui de Ormesby contra dominum regem et omnes homines de omnibus rebus imperpetuum Et si ita contingerit quod prefati prior et conuentus aliquod dampnum de prefatis terris pro defectu warantizacionis et defensionis incurrerint ⁝ ego et heredes mei vel assignati secundum visum legalium satisfaciemus eis competenter Testibus Philippo de Chanci Petro filio Hugonis Gilberto de Kellesy Petro filio Widonis Rogero filio Roberti Roberto filio Galfridi Hugone de Hufflet Alano Kice et aliis.

[45] Uniuersis ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Ricardus filius Rogeri de Sudkelesey ⁝ salutem Noueritis me concessisse et quietumclamasse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totum ius meum et clameum quod habui vel habere potui in quinque perticatis prati in latitudine in Gaigelker in territorio de Nordkelesey et in una perticata et dimidia in latitudine in Fuleng et in tribus perticatis in Graideng in latitudine et in quatuor perticatis et dimidia in latitudine in Nordlanges in Smeyefeld quas Gilbertus

my heirs will warrant and defend all the aforesaid things as is aforesaid to the said nuns and convent of Ormsby against all men for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[44] To all who shall see or hear this writing Richard the clerk, son of Roger of South Kelsey, sends greeting. Know that I have given, granted, and by this present charter confirmed to God, blessed Mary, and the convent of Ormsby certain lands which I had by hereditary right in the field of North Kelsey; namely one selion at Langethorn lying between the land of the prior of Ormsby and the land of Gilbert son of Roger, and one selion at Cotedaile lying between the land of Hugh's sons and Tenstang, and one selion abutting on Ailmer lying between le Tenstang and the land of Roger son of Robert, and one selion likewise abutting upon Ailmer between the land of Gilbert son of Roger and the land of Roger son of Robert, and one rood and a half of meadow on the north side of Langethorn between the meadow of Gilbert son of Roger and the meadow of Peter son of Guy, and one rood of meadow and the fourth part of one rood lying between the land of the prior of Ormsby and the meadow of Gilbert son of Roger, and one selion stretching in length from Langedicate as far as Wenlergitefeudland. To hold and to have all these aforenamed lands freely quietly and peaceably and honourably of me and my heirs in perpetual alms, rendering yearly to the lord king for all service and custom and worldly exaction, save forinsec service belonging to the third part of half a bovate of land, eight pence and one farthing, namely four pence at Easter and the rest at the feast of Saint Michael. And I and my heirs or assigns will warrant, acquit, and defend the aforenamed lands to the aforenamed convent of Ormsby against the lord king and all men for ever. And if it should happen that the aforesaid prior and convent should suffer any loss of the aforesaid lands by default of warranty and defence I and my heirs or assigns will satisfy them adequately according to the view of lawful men. [*Early Henry III.*]

[45] To all to whom the present writing shall come Richard son of Roger of South Kelsey sends greeting. Know that I have granted and quit-claimed and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God, blessed Mary, and the convent of Ormsby my whole right and claim which I had or could have in meadow five perches in breadth in Gaigelker in the territory of North Kelsey, and in one perch and a half in breadth in Fuleng, and in three perches in breadth in Graideng, and in four perches and a half in breadth in Nordlanges in Smeyefeld[1] which Gilbert

frater meus dicto conuentui dedit in elemosinam et carta sua confirmauit ⁊ Et ego et heredes mei hanc meam quietam clamacionem et confirmacionem libere et quiete sine aliqua retencione vel contradiccione prout carta Gilberti fratris mei testatur de donacione sua et confirmacione nominato conuentui de Ormesby imperpetuum warantizabimus et de omnibus acquietabimus Hiis testibus Roberto de Hardereshilla milite Petro filio Hugonis Willelmo filio Hugonis magistro Gilberto de Scardburg Roberto filio Galfridi Rogero filio Roberti Gilberto filio Willelmi Petro filio Wydonis.

[46] Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Osbertus de Kingesbiri dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam in territorio de Northkeleseia sex acras terre ex utraque parte ville scilicet ex orientali parte ville tres acras in Brakes in duobus locis iuxta terram Willelmi filii Roberti et ex occidentali parte ville tres acras in duobus locis videlicet a curte Quednilde [*sic*] versus occidentem inter terram Willelmi filii Roberti et terram Hugonis Ostriciarii in Sabaneia iuxta terram Willelmi Louuelli pro salute animarum omnium antecessorum meorum et pro salute corporis et anime mee omniumque meorum imperpetuum ⁊ Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus hanc elemosinam erga omnes homines de omnibus rebus imperpetuum Hiis testibus Gregorio capellano Roberto diacono Willelmo de Ormesby Picoto Rogero hominibus magistri Alani filii Wigan Gilberto filio Roberti Simone filio Ricardi.

[47] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Willelmus filius Roberti Ostrizer ⁊ salutem Sciatis me assensu uxoris mee et heredum meorum dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et conuentui de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam duas bouatas terre in territorio de Nordkelesey uidilicet illas bouatas quas Hamundus et Selof tenuerunt Et pro toftis que ad predictas bouatas pertinuerunt dedi prenominato conuentui in excambiis duas selliones que iacent ex aquilone curtis sue ut ex eis tofta faciant seu ea seminent ⁊ Et hiis prescriptis bouatis dedi eis pasturam ad centum oues in territorio predicte uille de Kelesey Insuper eciam dedi sepedicto conuentui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam iuxta curtem suam in occidente capita trium sellionum ut ea sepe aut fouea circumducant uel exinde quod sibi libuerit libere faciant . Hec uero omnia dedi prenominato conuentui cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis libera et quieta ab omni seruicio et exaccione seculari Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis omnia ut prescriptum est erga omnes homines imperpetuum Teste Roberto filio Roberti Roberto filio Willelmi le Ostrizer Philippo de Beseby Roberto Norrisco Jocelino Godefrei Ricardo Peche Rogero clerico de Sudkelesey Osberno filio Ricardi de Kineberi .

my brother gave to the said convent in alms and by his charter confirmed. And I and my heirs will warrant and from all things acquit this my quitclaim and confirmation to the said convent of Ormsby for ever, free and quit without any reservation or contradiction as the charter of Gilbert my brother touching his gift and confirmation bears witness. [*Henry III.*]

[1] For Smethefeld.

[46] Let present and future know that I, Osbert of Kingsbury, have given and by this my present charter confirmed to God, blessed Mary, and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, in pure, free, and perpetual alms, six acres of land in the territory of North Kelsey on each side of the village, namely, on the east side of the village three acres in two places in Brakes next the land of William son of Robert, and on the west side of the village three acres in two places, namely from the court of Quenild towards the west between the land of William son of Robert and the land of Hugh 'Ostriciarius' in Sabaneia next the land of William Lovell; for the safety of the souls of all my ancestors and for the safety of my body and soul and those of all my kin for ever. And I and my heirs will warrant this alms against all men from all things for ever. [*Early Henry III.*]

[47] To all the faithful of Christ William son of Robert 'Ostriciarius' sends greeting. Know that with the assent of my wife and my heirs I have given and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and the convent of Ormsby two bovates of land in the territory of North Kelsey, namely those bovates which Hamund and Selof held, and for the tofts which belonged to those bovates I have given to the aforenamed convent in exchange two selions which lie on the north of their court that they may make tofts from them or sow them. And with these aforewritten bovates I have given them pasture for a hundred sheep in the territory of the aforesaid village of Kelsey. In addition I have also given to the said convent in pure and perpetual alms the heads of three selions next their court on the west that they may surround them with a hedge or ditch or do therewith freely what pleases them. Moreover I have given all these things to the aforenamed convent with all their appurtenances and liberties free and quit from all service and worldly exaction. And I and my heirs will warrant all these things to them as is aforesaid against all men for ever. [*Early Henry III.*]

[48] Omnibus Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris dominus Petrus de Haya filius Ricardi de Haya de Spaldingtona ⁝ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dedisse et concessisse et hac carta mea presenti confirmasse deo beate Marie et conuentui domus de Ormesby pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum et heredum meorum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unam culturam terre arabilis in territorio de Spaldingtona illam scilicet culturam que iacet super Est Berwyk inter terram Willelmi de Birland ex occidentali parte et terram que fuit quondam Philippi de Haya ex orientali parte que quidem cultura continet in se tres acras et dimidiam acram et dimidiam perticam et unum fal que extendit se de le Woddedich' usque ad gotam Preterea dedi et concessi predicto conuentui totam culturam meam in territorio eodem que iacet inter terram Willelmi de Birland ex aquilonari parte et feudum quod fuit quondam Eustachii de Manareis ex australi parte abuttantem super bercariam de Ormesby cum tota latitudine sua que extendit se in longum de la gote usque ad moram Tenendas et habendas predictas terras predicto conuentui de Ormesby de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete et pacifice cum omnibus pertinenciis suis asiamentis libertatibus et liberis introitibus et exitibus et cum liberis consuetudinibus infra villam et extra de omnimodis seruiciis sectis et demandis secularibus imperpetuum ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei post me aliquod ius vel clamium in predictis culturis cum pertinenciis de cetero possumus exigere Et ego dictus Petrus et heredes mei predictas terras predicto conuentui sicut predictum est warantizabimus defendemus et de omnibus acquietabimus ut puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram contra omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus magistro Johanne de Houeden domino Johanne de Kaymul milite Matheo de Maltona Willelmo de Birland Thoma de Huke magistro Ricardo de Harlethorpe Ricardo de Haia et Johanne fratre eius Waltero Bacheler Johanne de Gunneby Johanne de Santun et aliis.

[49] Uniuersis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Petrus filius Willelmi Gerardi de Spaldingtona ⁝ salutem Uniuersitati vestre notum sit me dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo beate Marie et conuentui sanctimonialium de Ormesby et fratrum earundem quicquid pertinet ad sex bouatas terre in territorio de Spaldingtona de meo feodo in Marderlandes in latum et in longum tam in prato quam in terra arabili ad Westrans de Berewyk nichilominus quicquid pertinet ad sex bouatas terre de feodo meo a Wundedich versus aquilonem quantum quarantine durant Hanc autem donacionem confirmaui eis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni terreno seruicio et seculari exaccione et hoc warantizabo eis erga omnes hominem [*sic*] imperpetuum et hoc idem warantizabunt heredes mei post me Testibus Osberto clerico Roberto fratre meo Thoma fratre meo Willelmo de Giseburna Ranulfo capellano Petro clerico de Spaldingtona Thoma clerico

[48] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear this writing Sir Peter de Haya son of Richard de Haya of Spaldington sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God, blessed Mary, and the convent of the house of Ormsby for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors and my heirs one *cultura* of arable land in the territory of Spaldington, that *cultura* namely which lies upon East Berwyk between the land of William de Birland on the west side and the land which was at one time Philip de Haya's on the east side, which *cultura* contains in itself three acres and half an acre and half a perch and one fall, and stretches from le Woddedich' as far as the gowt. Further I have given and granted to the aforesaid convent my whole *cultura* in the same territory which lies between the land of William de Birland on the north side and the fee which was at one time Eustace de Manareis' on the south side abutting on the sheepfold of Ormsby, with its whole breadth, which *cultura* stretches in length from the gowt as far as the moor. To hold and to have the aforesaid lands to the aforesaid convent of Ormsby of me and my heirs freely and quietly and peaceably with all their appurtenances, easements, liberties, and free entries and exits, and with free customs within the village and without, from all kinds of services, suits, and worldly demands for ever, so that neither I nor my heirs after me can henceforth assert any right or claim in the aforesaid *culturae* with appurtenances. And I, the said Peter, and my heirs will warrant, defend, and acquit the aforesaid lands to the aforesaid convent from all things as is aforesaid against all men for ever as our pure and perpetual alms. [*Early thirteenth century.*]

[49] To the whole body of the faithful of Christ, present and future, Peter son of William Gerard of Spaldington sends greeting. Be it known to the whole body of you that I have given and by this my present charter confirmed to God, blessed Mary, and the convent of the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, whatever belongs to six bovates of land in the territory of Spaldington of my fee in Marderlandes in breadth and in length as well in meadow as in arable land from Berewyk to Westrans, and also whatever belongs to six bovates of land of my fee from Wundedich towards the north as far as the furlongs extend. Moreover I have confirmed this gift to them in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all earthly service and worldly exaction, and I will warrant it to them against all men for ever, and my heirs after me will warrant this same thing. [*circa 1200.*]

[50] Notum sit cuntis Christi fidelibus quod ego Johannes de Melsa concessi et hac mea presenti carta confirmaui deo et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis libere quiete bene et in pace possidendam imperpetuum omnem donacionem quam Willelmus filius Gerardi de Spaldingtona dedit eis cum filia sua scilicet unam bouatam terre in territorio eiusdem Spaldingtone cum omnibus que ad ea [*sic*] pertinent in omnibus locis et preterea donacionem quam dedit eis in Spaldingholm et comunam [*sic*] in campis et pratis moris et nemoribus aquis mariscis humidis et siccis et in ceteris omnibus que in carta eiusdem Willelmi continentur pro salute anime mee et meorum et patris mei et matris mee et omnium fidelium et warantizabo eis erga omnes homines ⁊ Hiis testibus magistro Gilberto de Sempyngham Albino et Roberto canonicis eiusdem Serlone de Hecfeld Hugone de Coleuila Roberto de Wathsand Willelmo et Herueio et Waltero atque Roberto pueris magistri Gilberti Waltero de Wartre Roberto de Ormesby Galfrido Musteil.

[51] Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Willelmus filius Gerardi de Spaldingtona dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis unam bouatam terre in territorio de Spaldingtona quam excepi de meo domenio [*sic*] et mensuraui ac tradidi eis in quatuor quarteriis in campo predicte Spaldingtone Scilicet apud Syinestibusc unam sellionem et versus occidentem apud Redlandes unam sellionem et apud viam ecclesie versus aquilonem [unam sellionem] et unam sellionem super Gosholmmor latitudinis sex percatarum et quarterii unius percate ab uno capite ad aliud et super Calmaremor latitudinis unius parcate et dimidii ab uno capite ad aliud et apud Sinderlandes latitudinis iii percatarum et ad caput earum tantum prati quantum pertinet ad unam bouatam plenarie ex illa parte ville scilicet ex aquilonari parte de Rederdic et apud Sudestesengdailes latitudinis ii percatarum et dimidii est et west et ad caput eiusdem latitudinis pratum quanto longius falcari potest et super Berewic iiii percatarum latitudinis ab Haya ad Houedland et apud Lanwellehilles ii percatarum latitudinis a Berewic ad Um [*sic*] houeland et apud Westredaile in Westbroc iii percatarum ab Haya ad Houeland et apud meridianam partem de Bonnelandes ii percatarum latitudinis ab Houeland a [*sic*] fossatam [*sic*] et ad occidentalem partem de Bonneland quantum pertinet ad meas sex bouatas ab occidente eiusdem Bonneland ad fossatam Et preter hanc bouatam dedi eis apud Westrebroc iuxta tres percatas predictas latitudinis ab Haya ad Houendland [*sic*] ⁊ et insuper totum pratum meum in Wandaile apud Berewyk ⁊ Et si euenerit quod termini terre culte dilatate fuerint plus quam modo sunt quantum alie bouate aucte fuerint augebitur et sua ⁊ Et preterea dedi eis totam partem meam in Spaldingholm ad includendum de fossata aut haia vel sicut

[50] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ that I John of Meaux have granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, to possess freely, quietly, well, and in peace for ever, all the gift which William son of Gerard of Spaldington gave them with his daughter, namely one bovate of land in the territory of the same Spaldington with all things which belong to it in all places, and also the gift which he gave them in Spaldingholme and common in fields and meadows, moors and woods, waters, marshes wet and dry, and in all other things which are contained in the charter of the same William, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my kin and of my father and my mother and of all faithful people, and I will warrant to them against all men. [*Henry II.*]

[51] Let all as well future as present know that I William son of Gerard of Spaldington have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to God, blessed Mary, and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, one bovate of land in the territory of Spaldington, which I have taken out of my demesne and measured and handed over to them in four quarters in the field of the aforesaid Spaldington ; namely at Syinestibusc one selion, and towards the west at Redlandes one selion, and upon the way to the church towards the north [one selion], and one selion upon Gosholmmor of the breadth of six perches and a quarter of a perch from one headland to the other, and upon Calmaremor the breadth of one perch and a half from one headland to the other, and at Sinderlandes the breadth of three perches, and at their head as much meadow as belongs fully to one bovate on that side of the village—namely on the north side of Rederdic—and at Sudesteseng-dailes the breadth of two perches and a half east and west, and at the head of the same breadth so much meadow as can be furthest mown, and upon Berewic the breadth of four perches from the hedge to the headland, and at Lanwellehilles the breadth of two perches from Berewic to the headland,[1] and at Westredaile in Westbroc three perches from the hedge to the headland, and at the south side of Bonnelandes the breadth of two perches from the headland to the ditch, and at the west side of Bonneland as much as belongs to my six bovates from the west of the same Bonneland to the ditch. And in addition to this bovate I have given them at Westrebroc next the aforesaid three perches the breadth from the hedge to the headland, and also my whole meadow in Wandaile at Berewyk. And if it shall happen that the boundaries of the tilled land shall be extended more than they are now, as much as the other bovates shall be increased their's also shall be increased. And further I have given them all my part in Spaldingholme to enclose with a ditch or hedge or as it shall

eis melius viderint expedire a Brendaic usque in Fulna est et west et ab eodem Brendaic versus aquilonem unam quarentenam et dimidiam latitudinis ut sit apud Fulna et ad occidentem unius latitudinis et ad aquilonem et meridiem unius longitudinis per percam xx pedum ⁝ Hec omnia dedi predictis sanctimonialibus cum filia mea Hawisa cum omnibus que ad hec prenominata pertinent libere et quiete a fossacione et sepacione et omni seruicio et exaccione vel consuetudine seculari cum omnibus libertatibus suis et liberis introitibus et exitibus infra villam et extra in campis moris pratis pascuis nemoribus planis piscariis aquis mariscis siccis et huiusmodi [*sic*] viis et semitis interius et exterius ubique et in omnibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina liberius dari potest pro salute anime mee et meorum patrum et matrum et omnium antecessorum nostrorum omniumque fidelium ⁝ et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis hec omnia erga omnes homines imperpetuum ⁝ Hiis testibus Thoma de Manerio Simone capellano Willelmo capellano Roberto capellano de Bubwit et ipso domino Willelmo de Vesci Radulpho de Albeni Willelmo milite Radulfo de Albeni Willelmo filio Willelmi de Vesci Warino de Vesci Sturmeo Willelmo Guer Simone Hauselin Johanne Burguillun Roberto de Neuhus Radulfo Fader Henrico de Bradelai Ricardo de Houedene Willelmo de Carduil Willelmo filio Roberti Willelmo filio Walteri Rogero filio Roberti de Neuhus.

[52] Uniuersis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Robertus filius Willelmi filii Gerardi de Spaldingtona ⁝ salutem Uniuersitati vestre notum sit me concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo beate Marie et conuentui monialium de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis unam bouatam terre in territorio de Spaldingtona cum omnibus pertinenciis suis infra villam et extra in pratis pascuis viis semitis bosco mariscis aquis piscariis et in omnibus libertatibus ⁝ et preterea concessi eis quicquid de feodo meo est in Spaldingholme longitudo cuius est videlicet a Brendic usque in Fulna latitudo vero eius est a Brendic versus aquilonem quarentena una et dimidia per percam viginti pedum tantum latitudinis habens apud Fulna quantum in capite occidentali et tantum longitudinis habens a Fulna versus occidentem ex aquilonari parte quantum habet a Brendic usque in Fulna ex australi parte In Westrans super Berewik quicquid pertinet ad sex bouatas de feudo meo Et in Westbrote [*sic*] duas percatas in latum ab haia usque houelandes iuxta tres percatas suas et totum pratum quod est de feudo meo in Wandaile et super Marderlandes duas acras et ad capud orientale istius terre omne pratum quod ibi pertinet ad sex bouatas de feudo meo et super Sinderlandes terram quam Petrus frater meus eis dedit et carta sua confirmauit Item super Berewik concedo eis quatuor parcatas in latitudinem ab haia usque houelandes et ut ibidem pro libitu et voluntate sua bercariam suam faciant et transmittant de loco ad locum ⁝ Concedo eciam eis quantum ad me et ad feudum

seem best to them from Brendaic as far as Fulna east and west, and from the same Brendaic towards the north one furlong and a half in breadth, that it may be of one breadth at Fulne and at the west and of one length at the north and south by the perch of twenty feet. I have given all these things to the aforesaid nuns with my daughter Hawisa with all that belong to these aforenamed things, free and quit from ditching and hedging and from all service and exaction or worldly custom, with all their liberties and free entries and exits within the village and without, in fields, moors, meadows, pastures, woods, plains, fisheries, waters, marshes dry and wet,[2] ways and paths within and without everywhere, and in all things, in pure and perpetual alms as any alms can be most freely given, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my father and mother and of all our ancestors and of all faithful people. And I and my heirs will warrant all these things to them against all men for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[1] The meaning of the original is not quite certain at this point.
[2] The *huiusmodi* of the Latin must be a mistake for *humidis*.

[52] To all the faithful of Christ, present and future, Robert son of William son of Gerard of Spaldington sends greeting. Be it known to the whole body of you that I have granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God, blessed Mary, and the convent of the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, one bovate of land in the territory of Spaldington, with all its appurtenances within the village and without in meadows, pastures, ways, paths, wood, marshes, waters, fisheries, and in all liberties; and further I have granted them whatever is of my fee in Spaldingholme, of which that is, the length is from Brendic to Fulne, while its breadth is from Brendic towards the north a furlong and a half by the perch of twenty feet, having the same breadth by Fulne as at the west end, and having the same length on the north side from Fulne towards the west as it has on the south side from Brendic to Fulne, [and] in Westrans upon Berewik whatever belongs to six bovates of my fee, and in Westbrote two perches in breadth from the hedge to the headlands next their three perches, and all the meadow which is of my fee in Wandaile, and upon Marderlandes two acres, and at the east end of this land all the meadow there which belongs to six bovates of my fee, and upon Sinderlandes the land which Peter my brother gave them and confirmed by his charter. Also upon Berewik I grant them four perches in breadth from the hedge to the headlands and that they may make their sheepfold there and move it from place to place at their pleasure and will. I also grant them,

meum pertinet ut faciant calcatam iuxta curiam suam pro libitu suo et voluntate tam in vadio [*sic*] quam alibi ⁝ Hec omnia dedi eis et concessi ex dono patris mei et fratris mei Petri in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina liberius dari vel concedi potest pro salute anime mee et patris mei et omnium antecessorum meorum ⁝ Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis hec omnia erga omnes homines imperpetuum ⁝ Hiis testibus Osberto clerico de Spaldingtona Petro de Caue Willelmo fratre suo Willelmo de Gisburne Thoma le Brabacum Thoma de Eboraco.

[53] Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit dominus Thomas de Huke filius domini Johannis de Huke salutem in domino eternam Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse deo beate Marie priori et conuentui de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram et totam moram iacentem inter moram prioris de Drax ex orientali parte et moram Alani Sampson' ex occidentali parte apud Westmor in mora de Huke cum tota longitudine et latitudine sua ⁝ Que vero longitudo incipit a ripa Use et extendit se usque ad aquam de Don Latitudo vero habet octodecim perticatas in capite ad ripam Use et superius in mora ad Fourfurlangned [*sic*] habet viginti duo perticatas et post ad Fiuefurlangend habet triginta duas perticatas et ad Sexfurlangend habet quadraginta perticatas et ad Seuenfurlangend habet sexaginta decem perticatas cum ista latitudine sexaginta decem perticatas durante versus austrum sine diminucione Tenendum et habendum de me et heredibus meis sibi et successoribus suis quiete et pacifice cum libero introitu et exitu sicut aliqua elemosina liberius vel melius a viris religiosis possit possideri vel teneri sine aliqua terrena exaccione secta curie et demanda Et ego Thomas de Huke et heredes mei totam predictam terram et moram cum omnibus pertinenciis suis cum predicta longitudine et latitudine sicut prescriptum est predicto priori et conuentui warantizabimus defendemus et in omnibus contra omnes homines acquietabimus imperpetuum In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto impressionem sigilli mei apposui Hiis testibus Johanne Sparc Ricardo Charite Johanne de Crul Thoma de Holme Willelmo filio Roberti de Rednes Willelmo filio eiusdem Thoma de Rednes et aliis.

[54] Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Willelmus Gerardi dedi et hac carta mea confirmaui concessum [*sic*] Petri filii mei et aliorum heredum meorum in puram et perpetuam et liberam elemosinam deo et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis quicquid mei iuris fuit in mansione de Spaldingholme cum omnibus pertinenciis suis sicut ab Alano canonico circumcaptum est et inclusum una cum communi pastura que ad locum predictum pertinet in feodo meo ⁝ Ego autem et Petrus filius meus predictus affidauimus in manu Pagani de Cattona hanc nostram

so far as belongs to me and my fee, that they may make a causeway by their court at their pleasure and will, as well in the ford [?] as elsewhere. All these things I have given and granted to them by the gift of my father and Peter my brother in free and perpetual alms, as any alms may most freely be given or granted, for the safety of my soul and that of my father and those of all my ancestors. And I and my heirs will warrant all these things to them against all men for ever. [*Circa 1200.*]

[53] To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present writing shall come, Sir Thomas of Hook, son of Sir John of Hook, sends eternal greeting in the Lord. Let the whole body of you know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors I have given, granted, and by this present charter confirmed, to God, blessed Mary, and the prior and convent of Ormsby, in pure and perpetual alms, all the land and all the moor lying between the moor of the prior of Drax on the east side and the moor of Alan Sampson on the west side at Westmor in the moor of Hook, with its whole length and breadth. Now the length begins at the bank of the Ouse and stretches as far as the water of Don, but the breadth is eighteen perches at the head by the bank of the Ouse and higher up in the moor at Four Furlong End it is twenty-two perches and afterwards at Five Furlong End it is thirty-two perches and at Six Furlong End it is forty perches and at Seven Furlong End it is seventy perches, continuing with this breadth of seventy perches towards the south without diminution. To hold and to have of me and my heirs to them and their successors, quietly and peaceably, with free entry and exit as any alms may most freely or best be possessed or held by religious men, without any earthly exaction, suit of court, and demand. And I, Thomas of Hook, and my heirs, will warrant, defend, and in all things against all men acquit all the aforesaid land and moor with all its appurtenances with the aforesaid length and breadth as is aforewritten to the aforesaid prior and convent for ever. In witness wherof I have set the impression of my seal to the present writing. [*Henry III.*]

[54] Let all as well future as present know that I William Gerard have given and by this my charter confirmed by the grant of Peter my son and my other heirs in pure and perpetual and free alms to God and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, whatever was of my right in the dwelling of Spaldingholme with all its appurtenances as it was bounded and enclosed by Alan the canon, together with common pasture in my fee which belongs to the aforesaid place. Moreover I and the aforesaid Peter my son have pledged our faith in the hand of Pain of Catton to warrant this our alms to

elemosinam warantizandam predictis sanctimonialibus et heredes nostri post nos imperpetuum contra omnes dominos et omnes homines de omnibus rebus et calumpniis pro salute animarum nostrarum et omnium antecessorum nostrorum omniumque fidelium Hiis testibus Willelmo de Vesci Simone capellano Roberto de Melsna Sturmi Roberto preposito de Neuhus Ricardo filio eius Ricardo de Houedene Radulpho Fader Hugone de Ledenham Alano de Foterby Gerardo Hibaldestowe.

[55] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Willelmus filius Petri de Gudmundham ⁊ salutem Noueritis me diuini amoris intuitu dedisse et presenti carta confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et conuentui beate Marie de Ormesby totam partem feudi mei que est infra clausuram heremitorii de Spaldingholme scilicet a Brendhaic ex australi parte per viam que ducit versus orientem usque in Fulnam in latitudine versus aquilonem quarentenam et dimidiam Preterea eciam concessi et presenti carta confirmaui prenominato conuentui tres bouatas terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis quas Petrus de Caue et Willelmus filius Gerardi eis dederunt in Spaldingtona que sunt de feudo meo ut eas libere et quiete sine omni reclamacione mei vel heredum meorum teneant et possideant saluo tamen libero forinseco seruicio de duabus bouatis quas predictus Petrus de Caue eis dedit Insuper autem dedi eis communem pasturam spectantem predictis tribus bouatis in territorio predicte Spaldingtone quadraginta vaccis cum secta unius anni et decem iumentis cum secta unius anni Et si pastura insufficiens totidem aueriis fuerit adimplebitur eis ubique in alio feudo meo Concessi eciam eis partem nemoris quantum ad predictas tres bouatas pertinet capiendam per tradicionem forestariorum meorum et heredum meorum et ad focum et clausuram sufficientem sicut ceteri liberi homines eiusdem feudi faciunt Et ego vero et heredes mei warantizabimus iam dicto conuentui hec omnia erga omnes homines quamdiu ea nobismetipsis warantizare poterimus pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee et heredum meorum et omnium amicorum et antecessorum meorum Hiis testibus Waltero capellano Willelmo Batail Thoma de Hugate Radulpho et Waltero de Lindesai Nicholao de Hugat Galfrido Furmag' Willelmo de Lin*colnia* Rogero Hay.

[56] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Robertus constabularius de Fleynesburgh et Willelmus filius suus ⁊ salutem Noueritis nos de assensu et consensu et concessu heredum nostrorum dimississe et hac carta nostra confirmasse deo beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis ad feudi firmam sufficientem pasturam ubique in communi pastura de Holm tam in Norpschot et Westwode quam alibi undecim equabus et uno stalun et eorum sequacibus trium annorum ita tamen ut pulli per tres annos in

the aforesaid nuns, and our heirs after us for ever, against all the lords and all men from all matters and claims for the safety of our souls and the souls of all our ancestors and of all faithful people. [*Henry II.*]

[55] To all the faithful of Christ present and future William son of Peter of Goodmanham sends greeting. Know that at the impulse of divine love I have given and by the present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and the convent of blessed Mary of Ormsby the whole part of my fee which is within the enclosure of the hermitage of Spaldingholme: namely from Brendhaic on the south side by the way which goes towards the east as far as Fulne in breadth towards the north a furlong and a half. Moreover I have granted and by the present charter confirmed to the aforenamed convent, three bovates of land with all their appurtenances which Peter of Cave and William son of Gerard gave them in Spaldington which are of my fee, that they may hold and possess them freely and quietly without any claim of me or my heirs, saving nevertheless free forinsec service from the two bovates which the aforesaid Peter of Cave gave them. Moreover I have given them common pasture belonging to the aforesaid three bovates in the territory of the aforesaid Spaldington for forty cows with the issue of one year and for ten oxen with the issue of one year, and if the pasture shall be insufficient for so many beasts it shall be made up to them anywhere in another fee of mine. I have also granted them to take the portion of the wood belonging to the aforesaid three bovates by the delivery of my foresters and those of my heirs, and sufficient for fuel and hedging as the other free men of the same fee do. And I and my heirs will warrant all these things to the aforesaid convent against all men as long as we can warrant them to ourselves, for the safety of my soul and that of my wife and those of my heirs and of all my friends and ancestors. [*Henry II.*]

[56] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present writing, Robert the Constable of Flamborough and William his son send greeting. Know that with the assent and consent and by the grant of our heirs we have demised and by this our charter confirmed to God, blessed Mary, and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, at fee farm sufficient pasture everywhere in the common pasture of Holme, as well in Norpschot and Westwode as elsewhere, for eleven mares and one stallion and their issues of three years—so at least that the colts shall

pastura remaneant et sexdecim vaccis et uno tauro et eorum sequacibus trium annorum ita tamen ut eorum fetus in prenominata pastura tres annos permaneant et undecim porcis et uno verro quorum sex erunt quieti a panagio In Morg*ru*mhenga in longum iuxta Fulna triginta duas acras cum pertica viginti pedum ad minus ad includendum fossato usque ad fossatum de Thex ad faciendam inde omnem voluntatem et quicquid placuerit eis Ita ut liceat predictis sanctimonialibus et fratribus earum in predictis pasturis tot aliena aueria retinere si sua propria non habuerint quod predictum scriptum in omnibus testatur nec liceat michi et heredibus meis aut successoribus meis aliquo tempore anni in predictis pasturis predicta aueria capere vel numerare vel imparcare siue sua propria fuerint siue aliena sine assensu et voluntate atque presencia grangierii de Spaldingholme qui pro tempore fuerit Totam hanc predictam vero pasturam cum prenominatis acris de Morg*ru*mhenga dimisimus eis imperpetuum cum liberis introitibus et exitibus et faldiciis et ceteris omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus in aquis et in terris in boscis et in omnibus aliis locis liberam et quietam de omnibus seruiciis consuetudinibus secta curie rebus aliis et demandis que umquam fuerunt vel accidere poterunt pro decem marcis argenti quas nobis dederunt in inicio huius conuencionis et pro quadraginta quatuor denariis singulis annis duobus terminis tantummodo persoluendis scilicet viginti duo denarios infra ebdomadam sancti Martini et viginti duo denarios infra ebdomadam Pentecosten', michi et heredibus meis vel successoribus meis quamdiu pacifice eos secundum tenorem huius scripti tractauerimus et omnia predicta plene et perfecte warantizabimus Et nos et heredes nostri warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus omnia predicta predictis sanctimonialibus et fratribus erga dominum regem dominos feudi et contra omnes homines de omnibus seruiciis sectis rebus et demandis perpetualiter Hiis testibus Ranulfo presbitero de Holun Radulfo persona de Haltun Willelmo filio Petri de Gudmundham Ricardo de la Hay Willelmo Santon*e* Petro fratre eius Petro de Spaldingtona Petro filio Willelmi de Caue Joseph de Hattun et aliis.

[57] Cuntis Christi fidelibus Ricardus de la Hai[?] salutem Noueritis omnes me pro dei amore dedisse et presenti carta confirmasse in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam deo beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis sexdecim percatas terre et quartam partem percate longitudinis in territorio de Spaldingtona scilicet in Berewik a fossato ubi bercaria eorum sita est versus aquilonem et latitud*inis* quantum pertinet ad duas bouatas ut habeant et possideant libere et quiete sicut aliqua elemosina liberius datur aut possidetur Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus hanc nostram elemosinam erga omnes homines de omnibus rebus Hiis testibus Osberto clerico Adam de Sunderlanwik Roberto filio Willelmi filii Gerardi Willelmo de Chiseburc Willelmo Baceler.

remain in the pasture for three years—and for sixteen cows and one bull and their issues of three years—so at least that their issue shall remain in the aforenamed pasture for three years—and for eleven pigs and one boar of which six shall be quit of pannage; [and] in Morgrumheng in length by Fulne thirty-two acres by the perch of twenty feet at least, to enclose with a ditch as far as the ditch of Thex, to do therein all their will and whatever shall please them. So that it shall be lawful for the aforesaid nuns and their brethren to keep as many animals not their own in the aforesaid pastures as the aforesaid writing bears witness in all respects if they have not [so many of] their own; nor shall it be lawful for me and my heirs or my successors at any time in the year to take or number or impound the aforesaid beasts in the aforesaid pastures, whether they be their own or of others, without their assent and will and the presence of the granger of Spaldingholme who shall be [in office] at that time. Moreover we have demised to them for ever all this aforesaid pasture with the aforenamed acres of Morgrumheng with free entries and exits and sites of folds and all other appurtenances and liberties in waters and in lands, in woods and in all other places, free and quit from all services, customs, suit of court, and all other matters and demands which ever were or may arise, for ten marks of silver which they gave us at the beginning of this agreement, and for forty-four pence only paid each year at two terms, namely twenty-two pence within the week of St. Martin and twenty-two pence within Whitsunweek, to me and my heirs or my successors so long as we shall peaceably treat them according to the tenor of this writing, and warrant all the aforesaid things fully and perfectly. And we and our heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend all the aforesaid things to the aforesaid nuns and brethren against the lord king, the lords of the fee, and against all men from all services, suits, matters, and demands for ever. [*Late Henry II.*]

[57] To all the faithful of Christ Richard de la Hai sends greeting. Let all know that for the love of God I have given and by the present charter confirmed in free and perpetual alms to God, blessed Mary, and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, sixteen perches of land and a fourth part of a perch in length in the territory of Spaldington, namely in Berewik from the ditch where their sheepfold is set towards the north, and as much as belongs to two bovates in breadth, that they may have and possess it as freely and quietly as any alms is freely given or possessed. And I and my heirs will warrant this our alms against all men from all things. [*Circa 1200.*]

[58] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Johannes filius Rogeri de Huke ⁝ salutem Noueritis me diuine caritatis intuitu pro salute mea et pro animabus antecessorum meorum concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby quatuor perticatas terre et morre [*sic*] in territorio de Huke quas habent de dono Willelmi filii Eudonis de Swinefeld Tenendas et habendas cum omnibus [libertatibus] et liberis consuetudinibus suis cum libero introitu et exitu et in omnibus sicut carta ipsius Willelmi quam inde habent testatur Reddendo inde michi et heredibus meis tres solidos tantum annuatim ad duos terminos medietatem scilicet ad Pentecosten et medietatem ad festum sancti Martini pro omni seruicio et exaccione Et ego et heredes mei quantum in nobis est warantizabimus et defendemus dictas quatuor perticatas terre et morre cum pertinenciis suis prenominato conuentui pro predicto seruicio contra omnes homines imperpetuum Ut ergo hec mea confirmacio stabilis et secura permaneat presenti scripto sigilli mei apposui impressionem Hiis testibus Willelmo de Redenes Roberto filio Anger Willelmo de Damieta Ada de Huke Eudone de Bauil Waltero de Ormesby Ricardo Karite Willelmo Gatorest Waltero pistore Simone Rilling et aliis.

[59] Omnibus Christi fidelibus has litteras visuris vel audituris Johannes filius Rogeri de Huke ⁝ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dedisse concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby sex perticatas terre et more in latitudine cum pertinenciis in territorio de Huk propinquiores diuise de Hayremin a ripa scilicet de Use tam longe quatum [*sic*] terra et mora se longius extendunt Tenendas et habendas de me et heredibus meis libere integre et quiete ab omnibus secularibus seruiciis consuetudinibus exaccionibus sectis et demandis cum libero introitu et exitu libertatibus aisiamentis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam adeo liberam et quietam sicut aliqua elemosina liberius et quiecius dari potest viris religiosis Et ego Johannes et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et in omnibus defendemus dictam terram et moram cum fundo et cum aliis pertinenciis suis libertatibus et aisiamentis prenominatis priori et conuentui de omnibus secularibus seruiciis consuetudinibus exaccionibus sectis et omnimodis demandis contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et concessi eciam pro me et pro heredibus meis dictis priori et conuentui imperpetuum terram illam et moram emendare proficere et in uberiores usus redigere prout eis melius viderint expedire . Et ad istam donacionem confirmandam et coroborandam ego prenominatus Johannes de Huke huic scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus domino Thoma de Warthill tunc abbate sancte Marie Ebor' Domino Johanne de Krigelstun Johanne de Husfleth Ada de Huk Thoma filio Ade de Reddenes Willelmo filio Ranulfi Roberto filio Roberti filii Angeri et aliis.

[58] To all the faithful of Christ present and future, John son of Roger of Hook sends greeting. Know that at the impulse of divine charity for my safety and for the souls of my ancestors, I have granted and by this my charter confirmed to God, blessed Mary, and the convent of Ormsby, four perches of land and moor in the territory of Hook which they have of the gift of William son of Eudo of Swinefleet. To hold and to have with all liberties and free customs, with free entry and exit, and in all things as the charter of the same William which they have thereof bears witness. Rendering thence yearly to me and my heirs three shillings only, at two terms, namely half at Whitsuntide and half at the feast of Saint Martin for all service and exaction. And I and my heirs so far as in us lies will warrant and defend the said four perches of land and moor with their appurtenances to the aforenamed convent for the aforesaid service against all men for ever. Therefore so that this confirmation may remain firm and safe I have set the impression of my seal to the present writing. [*Early Henry III.*]

[59] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear these letters, John son of Roger of Hook sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have given, granted, and by this my charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby the breadth of six perches of land and moor with their appurtenances in the territory of Hook, next the boundary of Armin, namely from the bank of the Ouse so far as the land and moor extend the furthest. To hold and to have of me and my heirs freely, completely, and quit from all worldly services, customs, exactions, suits, and demands, with free entry and exit, liberties, easements, and all their other appurtenances in pure and perpetual alms as free and quit as any alms can most freely and quietly be given to religious men. And I John and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and in all things defend the said land and moor with the ground and with their other appurtenances, liberties and easements, to the aforenamed prior and convent from all worldly services, customs, exactions, suits, and demands of all sorts, against all men for ever And moreover I have granted for me and for my heirs to the said prior and convent that they may improve that land and moor, use it to advantage, and convert it to more productive uses as they shall think most profitable for themselves. And I, the aforenamed John of Hook, have set my seal to this writing for the confirmation and strengthening of this gift. [*1244-1258.*]

[60] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Willelmus filius Eudonis de Suynefelda . salutem Noueritis me diuine caritatis intuitu dedisse concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby quatuor perticatas terre et more in territorio de Huke iacentes inter terram et moram Willelmi Gatorest et terram Simonis Rylling tendentes se in longum a ripa de Use versus austrum quantum aliqua terra vel mora circumiacens se longius extendit Tenendas et habendas cum omnibus pertinenciis suis libertatibus et aisiamentis cum libero introitu et exitu cum bigis carris et carucis et cum omnibus liberis consuetudinibus suis in perpetuam elemosinam Reddendo inde domino de Huke tres solidos tantum annuatim ad duos terminos medietatem scilicet ad Pentecosten et aliam medietatem a [*sic*] festum sancti Martini pro omni seruicio et exaccione Et ego Willelmus et heredes mei warantizabimus et defendemus prenominatas quatuor perticatas terre et more cum omnibus pertinenciis et liberis consuetudinibus suis sicut prescriptum est per predictum seruicium prenominato conuentui de Ormesby de omnibus rebus et demandis quo casu aliquo poterunt accidere contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et in huius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigilli mei apposui impressionem Hiis testibus domino Johanne de Usefeld Ada fratre suo Willelmo de Reddenes Roberto filio Anger Willelmo de Damieta Ada de Huke Eudone de Bauil Ricardo Karite Willelmo Gatorest Waltero pistore et aliis.

[61] Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris dominus Johannes de Huch'[salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum concessisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sex perticatas more cum fundo et ceteris omnibus pertinenciis quas habent in Ynkelmore ex dono abatis et conuentus de Humberstana liberas quietas et solutas tam de una libra cimini quam tenentes predicte more michi annuatim reddere solebant quam de omnibus aliis seruiciis secularibus sectis rebus et demandis que sunt aut unquam fuerunt vel esse poterunt imperpetuum Et ut hec mea confirmacio rata sit et stabilis imperpetuum huic scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus domino Johanne de Husefleth Roberto de Rayhoyl' Willelmo filio Roberti de Rednesse Johanne le Grant Roberto le Frauncays Johanne filio Stephani Waltero pistore.

[62] Cuntis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris dominus Johannes de Huke filius domini Rogeri de Huke salutem in domino Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse et de me et heredibus meis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quietas clamasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Ormesby octo percatas more in latitudine cum fundo in territorio de Swineflet et in longitudine a ripa de Use usque ad finem more cum omnibus

[60] To all the faithful of Christ, present and future, William son of Eudo of Swinefleet sends greeting. Know that at the impulse of divine charity I have given, granted, and by this my charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby four perches of land and moor in the territory of Hook lying between the land and moor of William Gatorest and the land of Simon Rylling, stretching in length from the bank of Ouse towards the south as far as any surrounding land or moor stretches the furthest. To hold and to have with all their appurtenances, liberties, and easements, with free entry and exit for carts, waggons, and ploughs, and with all their free customs, in perpetual alms, rendering thence yearly to the lord of Hook three shillings only at two terms, a moiety namely at Whitsuntide and the other moiety at the feast of St. Martin, for all service and exaction. And I, William, and my heirs will warrant and defend the aforenamed four perches of land and moor with all their appurtenances and free customs as is aforewritten for the aforesaid service to the aforenamed convent of Ormsby from all matters and demands, by whatever event they may arise, against all men for ever. And in witness hereof I have set the impression of my seal to the present writing. [*Before 1258.*]

[61] To all who shall see or hear this writing Sir John of Hook sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors I have granted and by this present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby in pure and perpetual alms, six perches of moor with the ground and all other appurtenances which they have in Ynkelmore by the gift of the abbot and convent of Humberstone, free, quit, and immune as well from [the rent of] one pound of cummin which the tenants of the aforesaid moor used to render to me yearly, as from all other worldly services, suits, matters, and demands, which are, or ever were, or may be for ever. And that this my confirmation may be firm and stable for ever I have set my seal to this writing. [*Henry III.*]

[62] To all the faithful of Christ, present and future, Sir John of Hook, son of Sir Roger of Hook, sends greeting in the Lord. Know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed and quitclaimed from me and my heirs, in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Ormsby, the breadth of eight perches of moor with the ground in the territory of Swinefleet, and in length from the bank of Ouse to the end of the

pertinenciis libertatibus et aisiamentis infra villam et extra iacentes inter moram conuentus de Ormesby versus occidentem et moram quam Johannes filius Baldwini aliquando tenuit versus orientem et homagium et seruicium sex solidorum quod Willelmus Gaterest filius Thome de Cuwic michi debeat [*sic*] Tenendum et habendum dicto conuentui vel cui assignare voluerit libere quiete pacifice et integre in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus pertinenciis suis sine aliqua contradiccione mei vel heredum meorum sicut aliqua elemosina melius et liberius a viris religiosis habetur aut possidetur Ego vero Johannes et heredes mei predictas percatas more cum homagio et seruicio dicti Willelmi prefato conuentui de omnibus secularibus seruiciis consuetudinibus exaccionibus et demandis et sectis warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus ut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram contra dominos feodi et contra omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Thoma filio Johannis de Huk Ricardo Charite Johanne Spark Waltero pistore Nicholao de Crul Johanne fratre eius Willelmo Gaterest Willelmo filio eius.

[63] Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas filius Roberti de Rednes dedi et presenti carta confirmaui assensu et consilio amicorum meorum et heredum meorum conuentui de Ormesby in firmum feudum [*sic*] apud Suinefeld totam moram meam que est inter moram quam Robertus pater meus et ego eis antea dimisimus et moram quam abbas sancte Marie Ebor' tenet de Ranulfo filio Gerardi scilicet octo percatas in latum per mediam moram a fossata que diuidit terram cultam et moram versus austrum quam longe feudum meum durat a predicta vero fossata versus aquam que dicitur Usa duas percatas in latum usque ad aquam cum eadem latitudine predicte fossate ut ex hiis omnibus quod sibi melius nouerint expedire libere faciant Sciendum vero est totam istam terram mensuratam esse per percatam octodecim pedum Insuper vero concessi eis perpetuo ad usus ibidem cohabitancium liberam pasturam duobus bobus vel equis et duabus vaccis ut ubique cum animalibus meis libere communicentur et pascant Hec vero omnia feci eis et concessi libera et quieta ab omni seruicio et consuetudine cum libero introitu et exitu a mora usque ad aquam pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum pro octo denariis michi et heredibus meis annuatim imperpetuum simul reddendis inter festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et festum sancti Jacobi Concessi eciam prefato conuentui de Ormesby et presentis pagine testimonio confirmaui omnem donacionem possessionis huius cum libertatibus suis Ego vero et heredes post me warantizabimus prenominato conuentui hec omnia ut prefati sumus contra omnes homines imperpetuum Huius donacionis et confirmacionis testes sunt Walterus persona de Adlithfeld Robertus Adam fil*ius* eius Anger et Robertus filius eius Joseph filius Suani Stephanus filius Roberti Robertus filius Rannulfi Walterus de Brunby Gerardus de Hibalstan' [*sic*] Ricardus Desnard Gilbertus de Ormesby.

moor, with all appurtenances, liberties, and easements within the village and without, lying between the moor of the convent of Ormsby towards the west and the moor which John son of Baldwin formerly held towards the east, and the homage and service of six shillings which William Gaterest, son of John of Cowick, owed me. To hold and to have to the said convent or its assignee, freely, quietly, peacefully, and completely, in free, pure, and perpetual alms, with all its appurtenances, without any contradiction of me or my heirs, as any alms is best and most freely had or possessed by religious men. Moreover I, John, and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the aforesaid perches of moor with the homage and service of the said William to the aforesaid convent from all worldly services, customs, exactions, and demands and suits against the lords of the fee and against all men for ever as our free, pure, and perpetual alms. [*Mid Henry III.*]

[63] Let present and future know that I, Thomas son of Robert of Reedness, with the assent and counsel of my friends and my heirs, have given and by the present charter confirmed to the convent of Ormsby in fee farm at Swinefleet all my moor which is between the moor which Robert my father and I formerly demised to them and the moor which the abbot of Saint Mary's, York, holds of Rannulf son of Gerard:—namely eight perches in breadth through the middle of the moor from the ditch which divides the tilled land and the moor as far towards the south as my fee extends, and from the aforesaid ditch towards the water which is called Ouse two perches in breadth as far as the water, with the same breadth as the aforesaid ditch, that they may freely do with all these things what they know to be most profitable to them. Be it known, moreover, that all this land has been measured by the perch of eighteen feet. Further, I have granted to them for ever for the use of those dwelling in that place, free pasture for two oxen or horses and two cows, that they may freely common and feed everywhere with my animals. Moreover, I have done all these things for them and granted them free and quit from all service and custom, with free entry and exit from the moor to the water, for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors for eight pence rendered yearly for ever to me and my heirs at one time between the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul and the feast of St. James. I have also granted to the aforesaid convent of Ormsby and confirmed by the witness of the present page every gift of this possession with its liberties. Moreover I and my heirs after me will warrant all these things as we have premised to the aforenamed convent against all men for ever. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[64] Sciant cunti fideles Christi quod ego Sampson Takell et auunculus meus Gilbertus Takell atque omnes heredes nostri dedimus et concessimus atque presenti carta confirmauimus deo sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam in moro de Butrewic unoquoque anno decies viginti karratas de turbis percipiendas et nostram viam karratam ad eas deducendas et pasturam sexdecim bobus ad laborem suum sustinendum et omnes comunes exitus et introitus infra villam et extra in campis moris et mariscis in aquis viis et semitis libere et quiete ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione pro salute animarum nostrarum patrum et matrum nostrorum et omnium parentum et successorum nostrorum Hiis testibus Waltero de Oust*ona* decano Galfrido presbitero de Alatorp Sewardo preposito Ricardo de Lunda Willelmo Takell Ricardo de Haxia Roberto capellano Stephano clerico Hugone de Ledenham Gilberto de Spiney Willelmo de Couenham.

[65] Notum sit omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis quod ego Sampson Thakell pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum meorum et omnium fidelium concessione et consensu uxoris mee et heredum meorum scilicet Radulfi et ceterorum omnium dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Ormesby et fratribus earum clericis et laicis meum demenium toftum in Butterwych a gardino usque ad Trentam in longitudinem et in latitudinem inter fossatam Gilberti filii Johannis et Radulphum Cochyll Tenendum et habendum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seruicio et consuetudine et exaccione seculari cum omnibus pertinenciis in communi pastura et in campis pratis pascuis et mariscis aquis viis et semitis siccis et humidis et liberis introitibus et exitibus infra villam et extra et omnibus libertatibus que ad illud pertinent ita libere pacifice et quiete sicut aliqua elemosina a viris religiosis habetur et possidetur Et ego dictus Sampson et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus dictum toftum cum pertinenciis dictis sanctimonialibus et earum fratribus sicut predictum est contra regem et dominos feudi et omnes homines et feminas imperpetuum Hiis testibus Roberto Norrisco Willelmo Takell Ricardo filio Radulfi de Haxaie Ricardo Chiualer de Lunda Alnoy de Butterwych Roberto filio eius Patricio filio Roberti Ricardo clerico filio Gilberti Gilberto filio Johannis Godrico filio Noremanni Reginaldo filio eius et aliis.

[66] Omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Rogerus de Moubray[1] salutem Sciatis me dedisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Ormesby et sanctimonialibus et fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus unam mansuram de una acra [in] mora de Butrewic contra Manneflet et turbam quantum poterint effodere cum duabus beschis annuatim et unam quadrigariam a prefata mansura usque in Trente[2] Hec omnia

[64] Know all the faithful of Christ that I Sampson Takell and my uncle Gilbert Takell and all our heirs have given and granted and by the present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and saint Mary and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, to take two hundred cartloads of turves in the moor of Butterwick every year, and our cart-way to bring them down, and pasture for sixteen oxen to support their labour, and all common exits and entries within the village and without, in fields, moors, and marshes, in waters, ways, and paths, free and quit from all worldly service and exaction, for the safety of our souls and the souls of our fathers and mothers and of all our kinsfolk and successors. [*Henry II.*]

[65] Be it known to all the sons of holy mother church that I Sampson Takell, for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors and of all faithful people, by the grant and with the consent of my wife and heirs, namely of Ralf and of all the others, have given and granted and by my present charter confirmed to God and saint Mary and the nuns of Ormsby and their brethren, clerk and lay, my demesne toft in Butterwick from the garden as far as the Trent in length, and in breadth between the ditch of Gilbert son of John and Ralf Cochyll. To hold and to have in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all service and custom and worldly exaction, with all appurtenances in common pasture and in fields, meadows, pastures, and marshes, waters, ways, and paths dry and wet, and free entries and exits within the village and without, and with all liberties which belong to it, as freely, peaceably, and quietly as any alms is had and possessed by religious men. And I, the said Sampson, and my heirs will warrant, acquit, and defend the said toft with appurtenances to the said nuns and their brethren as is aforesaid against the king and the lords of the fee and all men and women for ever. [*Circa 1200.*]

[66] To all the sons of holy church present and future Roger de Moubray sends greeting. Know that I have given and by my present charter confirmed to God and the church of saint Mary of Ormsby and the nuns and brethren serving God there, one dwelling of one acre in the moor of Butterwick against Manneflet, and turf as much as they shall be able to dig with two spades yearly, and one cart-road from the aforesaid dwelling as far as the Trent.

eis dedi in puram et perpetuam elemosinam possidenda libera soluta et quieta ab omni exaccione et seruicio seculari cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad liberam elemosinam pertinentibus pro salute anime mee et animarum antecessorum meorum . Testibus hiis Nigello de Moubray Roberto de Moubray Radulfo de Beluario Ada Louell' Willelmo camerario Baldeuino clerico Gaufrido Brunham Willelmo pincerna et aliis multis clericis et laicis.

[67] Rogerus de Moubrai omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris ⁊ salutem Sciatis me dedisse et concessise et hac presenti carta confirmasse deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Ormesby et sanctimonialibus et fratribus ibidem deo seruientibus unam mansuram de una acra in territorio de Kinardeferi scilicet iuxta fossatum canonicorum de Kelkefeld in puram et perpetuam elemosinam possidendam liberam solutam et quietam ab omni exaccione et seruicio seculari cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad liberam elemosinam pertinentibus pro salute anime mee et animarum antecessorum meorum ⁊ Hiis testibus Willelmo Basset Philippo de Kimba et Willelmo filio suo Nigillo [*sic*] de Sapertune Waltero decano Willelmo camerario Roberto del Belchamp Galfrido de Brunham Roberto clerico et aliis multis.

I have given all these things to them to possess in pure and perpetual alms, free, immune, and quit from all exaction and worldly service, with all liberties and free customs belonging to free alms for the safety of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors. [*Henry II.*]

[67] Roger de Moubray to all the sons of holy mother church present and future sends greeting. Know that I have given and granted and by this present charter confirmed to God and the church of saint Mary of Ormsby and the nuns and brethren serving God there, one dwelling of one acre in the territory of Kinnard Ferry, namely that next the ditch of the canons of Kelfield, to possess in pure and perpetual alms, free, immune, and quit from all exaction and worldly service, with all liberties and free customs belonging to free alms, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors. [*Early Henry II.*]

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[1] Cunctis Christi fidelibus Petrus filius Henrici de Bilingeya ‡ salutem . Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus ordinis de Sempyngham et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam quicquid habui habeo vel de cetero aliquo iure imperpetuum potero habere infra insulam que vocatur Catheley a marisco de Walecote usque ad antiqum [*sic*] cursum aque iuxta mariscum de Diggeby ad inhabitand*um* in ea et deo seruiendum imperpetuum cum omnibus commoditatibus et pertinenciis suis videlicet cum bosco et fundo plano pratis pasturis mariscis cum aquis et piscariis et cum suis fossatis ex omni parte dicte insule de Catheley fundatis et factis et molendinum aquaticum in eadem insula et stagnum ad illud factum totum cum ripis suis utriusque partis et cum toto cursu aque super solum feodi mei videlicet a Mikelmare de Thorp*e* ex utraque parte usque Wlfberne Rouhe versus Bilingey et cum tota piscaria eiusdem stagni infra predictas metas in puram elemosinam et cum conductu aque ad omnes suos usus necessarios quacunque parte voluerint tam extra feodum meum quam infra secundum quod viderint melius pro commodo suo proprio expedire omni hora et tempore anni sine omni impedimento et calumpnia mei seu heredum meorum imperpetuum . Dedi eciam eisdem situm grangie inter Walecote et mariscum cum sua clausura et fossatis suis et cum duabus culturis terre arabilis iuxta suam grangiam iacentibus quarum una vocatur Southcroft et altera Westcroft cum libero introitu et exitu per feodum meum ubique . Et duas carucatas terre in territorio de Walecote cum tribus toftis in eadem villa cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et pasturam in marisco meo de Gubum ad animalia sua cuiuscunque generis fuerint ibidem nutrienda et cum situ vaccarie sue in eadem pastura . Preterea dedi eisdem monialibus et fratribus earum unam culturam terre arabilis que vocatur Calkeclif in territorio de Walecote cum aliis tribus culturis terre et duabus culturis prati in eodem territorio quarum una iacet apud Hallegarthdyke et una iuxta Bilingeydyke et tercia vocatur Crokedfurlang buttans super Bilyngeydyke et due culture prati iacent in quodam loco subtus Walecote a parte boriali qui vocatur le Meire diuisim quas Osbertus Prest' de Corby quondam de patre meo ad firmum tenuit . Dedi eciam dictis monialibus et suis fratribus ecclesiam Sancti Andree de Bilyngey ad suos usus proprios perpetrand*am* et possidend*am* et sex bouatas terre arabilis in territorio de Bilyngey cum omnibus suis pertinenciis et cum duobus toftis in eadem villa et capellam de Walecote sine onere quia

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[1] To all the faithful of Christ, Peter, son of Henry of Billinghay, sends greeting. Know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed in free, pure, and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of the order of Sempringham and their brethren, clerk and lay, whatever I had, have, or henceforward for ever can have, by any right within the island which is called Catley, from Walcot Marsh to the old stream next Digby Marsh, therein to live and serve God for ever, with all its commodities and appurtenances, namely with wood and field, plain, meadows, feedings, marshes, with waters and fisheries, and with its ditches set and made on every side of the said island of Catley, and the water mill on the same island, and the whole pool made for it, together with the banks on either side, and with the whole course of the water on the soil of my fee, namely from Mikelmare belonging to Thorpe on either side as far as Wlfberne Rouhe towards Billinghay, and with the whole fishery of the same pool within the aforesaid boundaries, in pure alms, and with the channel of the water for all their necessary uses on whatsoever side they will, as well without my fee as within, according as shall seem to them most expedient for their own convenience, at any hour and time of the year, without any hindrance and claim of me or my heirs for ever. Moreover I have given to the same nuns the site of the grange between Walcot and the marsh with its enclosure and ditches and with two *culturæ* of arable land lying next its grange, of which one is called Southcroft and the other Westcroft, with free entry and exit everywhere through my fee. And two carucates of land in the territory of Walcot with three tofts in the same village with all their appurtenances, and pasture in my marsh of Gubum to feed their animals of whatever kind they be, and with the site of their vaccary in the same pasture. Further I have given to the same nuns and their brethren a *cultura* of arable land, which is called Calkeclif, in the territory of Walcot, with three other *culturæ* of land and two *culturæ* of meadow in the same territory, of which one lies at Hallegarthdyke, and one next Billinghaydike, and the third is called Crooked furlong abutting upon Billinghaydyke, and the two *culturæ* of meadow, which Osbert Prest' of Corby formerly held of my father at rent, lie separately in a certain place called le Meire under Walcot on the north. Moreover I have given to the said nuns and their brethren the church of Saint Andrew of Billinghay to employ and possess for their own uses, and six bovates of arable land in Billinghay with all their appurtenances and with two tofts in the same village, and the chapel of Walcot unburdened because

illa est annexa dicte ecclesie . et dimidiam carucatam terre in campis de Bilingey duas bouatas quas Gerardus tenuit . et duas quas Leuesune tenuit cum toftis et aliis suis pertinenciis . Similiter dedi et concessi eisdem foragium focalia et coopertoria sufficientia sine aliquo impedimento ad omnes suos usus necessarios . in omnibus marescis et communibus villis de Bilyngey et Walecote spectantibus . et pasturam ad ducentas oues in territorio de Walecote . et ad ducentas oues in territorio de Bilingey . Hec omnia supradicta cum uniuersis suis pertinenciis et commoditatibus infra villas prefatas et extra ubique per feodum meum et cum liberis introitibus et exitibus sine aliquo retenimento dedi et confirmaui eisdem in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro animabus antecessorum et heredum meorum . Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus omnia predicta prenominatis sanctimonialibus et earum fratribus clericis et laicis et defendemus de omnibus rebus erga dominum regem et omnes dominos meos et omnes homines imperpetuum Hiis testibus Rogero decano de Scalby Roberto presbitero de Bilyngey Henrico filio suo Ranulpho clerico de Scottona Henrico de Martona Willelmo Vacelin Rogero clerico et tota parochia de Bilyngey.

[2] Cunctis Christi fidelibus tam presentibus quam futuris Thomas Bardolf et sponsa eius Roesia filia Radulfi Halselini et heres ⁝ salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Cattheley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis quicquid Radulfus Halselin et heredes sui dederunt vel dimiserunt de feodo nostro predictis monialibus ubicunque per dominium nostrum Videlicet grangiam de Sleigtes cum liberis introitibus et exitibus et unam bouatam terre cum omnibus pertinenciis quam dedit eis Radulfus iunior[1] in extremis cum uno tofto infra villam de Dygby et unam selionem iuxta crucem et cetera omnia sicut carte eorum testantur . Confirmauimus etiam quicquid Willelmus filius Walteri de Dygby et Walterus filius eius et heredes sui dederunt vel dimiserunt ipsis monialibus vel fratribus earum . videlicet ecclesiam de Dygby cum omnibus pertinenciis et dimidiam bouatam terre cum ceteris terris et pertinenciis sicut carte eorum testantur . et quicquid Walterus de Dyryngtona et Johannes filius eius et Robertus frater ipsius Johannis et heres dederunt vel dimiserunt prefatis monialibus vel earum fratribus videlicet unum toftum in Dyryngton et duas bouatas terre et pasturam ducentarum ouium et viginti vaccarum et unius tauri et culturam super Bradmere et terram apud Taylcortdale iuxta fontem cum ceteris terris datis cum ipso Waltero et sponsa sua Alicia et filio suo Johanne et filiabus suis factis monialibus apud Cattheley sicuti carte eorum testantur . Concedimus eciam et confirmamus quicquid Radulfus de Amwyk et Rogerus et Thomas de Dygby et Willelmus filius eius et heres et ceteri omnes dederunt de feodo nostro de Dygby et scripto Radulfi Halselini senioris et Radulfi iunioris confirmauerunt Adicimus eciam eis ex parte nostra propria et confirmauimus videlicet les brekkes[2] et viginti sex acras terre in campis de Dygby ex orientali parte predicte ville iuxta les

it is annexed to the said church, and half a carucate of land in the fields of Billinghay, two bovates which Gerard held and two which Levesune held, with tofts and their other appurtenances. Likewise I have granted sufficient forage, firewood, and thatch, in all the marshes and commons belonging to the villages of Billinghay and Walcot for all their necessary uses without any hindrance, and pasture for two hundred sheep in the territory of Walcot and for two hundred sheep in the territory of Billinghay. All these aforesaid things with all their appurtenances and commodities within and without the aforesaid villages everywhere throughout my fee, and with free entry and exit without any reservation, I have given and confirmed to the same nuns in free, pure, and perpetual alms for the souls of my ancestors and heirs. And I and my heirs will warrant all the aforesaid things to the aforenamed nuns and their brethren, clerk and lay, and will defend them from all things against the lord king and all my lords and all men for ever. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[2] To all the faithful of Christ as well present as future Thomas Bardolf and Roesia his wife, daughter and heir of Ralf Halselin, send greeting. Know that we have given and by this present charter confirmed to the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, whatever Ralf Halselin and his heirs have given or demised from our fee to the aforesaid nuns everywhere through our demesne; namely the grange of Sleigtes with free entries and exits, and one bovate of land with all its appurtenances which Ralf the younger[1] gave to them at his death, with one toft within the village of Digby and one selion next the cross, and all other things as their charters bear witness. We have also confirmed whatever William son of Walter of Digby and Walter his son and his heirs have given or demised to the same nuns or their brethren; namely the church of Digby with all appurtenances, and a half bovate of land with other lands and appurtenances, as their charters bear witness: and whatever Walter of Dorrington and John his son and Robert brother and heir of the same John have given or demised to the aforesaid nuns or their brethren; namely one toft in Dorrington and two bovates of land, and pasture for two hundred sheep and twenty cows and one bull, and the *cultura* above Bradmere and the land at Taylcortdale next the spring, with other lands given with the same Walter, and Alice his wife, and John his son, and his daughters made nuns at Catley, as their charters bear witness. We also grant and confirm whatever Ralf of Anwick and Roger and Thomas of Digby and William his son and heir and all other persons, have given from our fee of Digby and confirmed by the writing of Ralf Halselin the elder and of Ralf the younger. We have also added and confirmed on our own behalf namely, the Brecks, and twenty-six acres of land in the fields of Digby on the east side

brekkes . et quinque bouatas prati in le Westenge[2] et quinque bouatas in le Esteng de Dygby et preter hoc duas bouatas prati in le Esteng occasione terre sue del brekkys Concedimus insuper prefatis monialibus et fratribus earum comunam pasture ouibus et ceteris animalibus suis cuiuscunque generis existant per totum territorium de Dygby in omni tempore anni ad maius commodum et aysiamentum suum sine ulla excepcione vel impedimento ministrorum nostrorum et arenam siue lutum ad fodiendum in le Sleygtmore vel in quocunque vasto territorii de Dygby pro calcietis suis emendandis et aliis suis usibus necessariis tam infra clausuram de Cattheley quam extra quocienscunque et quandocunque voluerint arenam fodere seu lutum et cariare sine aliquo impedimento vel grauamine nostris vel nostrorum quorumcumque et focale sufficiens ad omnes usus suos et suorum ubicunque in omnibus marescis de Dygby . tam turbarum quam arundinis ubicunque voluerint fodere vel falcare ad maius suum commodum et quietem . Dedimus etiam licentiam prefatis monialibus ut fratres ipsarum grangiam suam de Sleygtes fossata viginti quatuor pedum in latitudine vel amplius si voluerint circumdare possint et modo securiori quo sciuerint claudere ex omni parte pro dampnis et periculis euitandis . Preterea concedimus et confirmamus eisdem monialibus et earum fratribus quicquid Radulfus filius Fulconis eis dedit de feodo nostro videlicet unum toftum et quatuor bovatas terre in territorio de Branxwell quas ego primitus dederam prefato Radulfo in escambium terre sue de Dygby et etiam quicquid Willelmus filius Roberti de Amwyk dedit domui de Cattheley de feodo nostro videlicet totum ius et tenementum quod habuit in decem et nouem bouatis terre cum culturis adiacentibus in Brekkys et septem toftis et dimidio cum seruiciis forinsecis et omnibus pertinenciis in villa et in territorio de Branxwella prout carta ipsius testatur et quicquid aliud prefatis monialibus seu earum fratribus datum fuerit per quoscunque de nostro feodo ibidem Hec autem omnia prenominata ego Thomas et heredes mei pro salute nostra et animabus parentum et antecessorum et heredum nostrorum et specialiter pro anima filii nostri Thome qui sepultus est in capitulo suo eis concedimus et confirmamus et warantizabimus ut puram perpetuam et specialem elemosinam nostram erga regem et dominos et omnes homines fide nostra interposita imperpetuum de omni seculari seruicio et terrena exaccione Hiis testibus Alexandro de Grelli Eudone de Fontibus Galfrido de Aseuilla Willelmo de Longeuilla Radulfo de Nortona Gilberto clerico Rogero Crecy apud Walmesford' quando ego Thomas transfretaui de nundinis Staunford . videlicet anno millesimo centesimo octogesimo quarto ab incarnacione domini et tricesimo primo anno regni regis Henrici secundi . Et ut imposterum memorie futurorum hec commendentur ne per obliuionem vel necligenciam venire contra ius prefatorum canonicorum vel monialium de Cattheley quis valeat hec sigillo nostro curauimus corroborare ad laudem domini nostri Ihesu Christi et pro prosperitate itineris nostri iam deo propicio inchoati.

of the aforesaid village next the Brecks, and five bovates of meadow in the west ing and five bovates in the east ing of Digby, and in addition to this, two bovates of meadow in the east ing by reason of their land of the brecks. In addition we grant to the aforesaid nuns and their brethren common of pasture for their sheep and other animals of whatever kind they may be through the whole territory of Digby, at every time of the year for their greater convenience and easement without any reservation or hindrance from our servants, and that they may dig sand or clay in Sleygtmore or in any waste of the territory of Digby for mending their causeways and for their other necessary uses as well within the enclosure of Catley as without, as often as and whenever they shall wish to dig and carry away sand or clay, without any hindrance or hurt from us or any of our men, and fuel sufficient for all their needs and those of their men everywhere in all the marshes of Digby as well of turf as of reeds wherever they shall wish to dig or cut at their greater convenience and ease. We have also given license to the aforesaid nuns that their brethren may surround their grange of Sleygtes with a ditch twenty-four feet in breadth or wider, if they wish, and may enclose it on every side in the safest way they know to guard against losses and dangers. Further we grant and confirm to the same nuns and their brethren whatever Ralf son of Fulk gave to them from our fee—namely one toft and four bovates of land in the territory of Brauncewell, which I had previously given to the aforesaid Ralf in exchange for his land of Digby—and also whatever William son of Robert of Anwick gave to the house of Catley from our fee—namely all the right and the tenement which he had in nineteen bovates of land with the appurtenant *culturæ* in the Brecks and seven and a half tofts with forinsec services and all appurtenances in the village and in the territory of Brauncewell, as his charter bears witness—and whatever else shall have been given to the aforesaid nuns or their brethren by any persons from our fee there. Moreover I, Thomas, and my heirs, for our safety and for the souls of our kin, ancestors, and heirs, and especially for the soul of our son Thomas who was buried in their chapter, grant and confirm and will warrant all these aforenamed things to them as our pure, perpetual, and special alms, from all worldly service and earthly exaction, against the king and the lords and all men for ever, our faith being pledged thereto. These being witnesses . . . . . at Wansford, when I, Thomas, crossed over from Stamford fair, namely in the year from the incarnation of the Lord 1184, and in the thirty-first year of the reign of king Henry II. And that these things may be committed to the memory of those to come afterwards, lest through forgetfulness or neglect anyone may be able to invade the right of the aforesaid canons or nuns of Catley, we have taken care to confirm these things with our seal to the praise of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the prosperity of our journey now with the favour of God begun. [*1184.*]

1 That is, Ralf Halselin the younger. See below, no. 12.

2 See Introduction.

[3] Cunctis Christi fidelibus Robertus filius Stephani de Dunstona ⁝ salutem . Sciatis me consensu et voluntate Beatricis uxoris mee et heredum meorum dedisse concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Catheley in perpetuam elemosinam unum toftum cum crofto in villa de Tymberland et unam bouatam terre et dimidiam et quartam partem unius bouate terre in territorio eiusdem ville cum omnibus[1] pertinenciis suis infra villam et extra in marisco et prato et bosco viis et semitis pascuis et pasturis et omnibus aliis[2] aisiamentis ubique sine ulla excepcione illum scilicet toftum et croftum et illam bouatam terre et dimidiam et quartam partem unius bouate quas Henricus filius Thore aliquando de me tenuit Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus predictum toftum cum crofto et prenominatam terram cum omnibus pertinenciis suis erga regem et dominos et omnes homines imperpetuum sicut perpetuam elemosinam nostram saluo forinseco domino feodi de tanta terre pertinente Et ne ego vel heredes mei contra tenorem dicte carte in aliquo stare vel defensionem habere poterimus imperpetuum presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus domino Simone de Martona milite Ranulpho de Bargatis Philippo de Tymberland Willelmo filio Galfridi et Willelmo Capron de eadem Henrico clerico de Bylyngey Rogero filio Wluiue de Kyrkeby Iuone magno de eadem et aliis.

[4] Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Walterus de Martona assensu et concensu uxoris mee et heredum meorum concessi et dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sanctimonialibus de Catheley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam de omnibus exaccionibus et seruiciis secularibus in curia domini regis apud Stanford coram iusticiis et baronibus domini regis unum toftum in Martona quod fuit Nigelli ad exitum ville versus occidentem cum omnibus pertinenciis infra villam et extra Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus et acquietabimus hoc prenominatum toftum cum suis pertinenciis et libertatibus predicto conuentui de Catheley erga regem et dominos et omnes homines imperpetuum pro salute anime mee et meorum et omnium antecessorum meorum Hiis testibus . B priore et Ricardo et Willelmo de New[stede] et alio Willelmo et Eudone canonicis Rogero et Alano et Horaldo [*sic*] et Willelmo et Ranulpho fratribus . Alexandro de Crecy Magistro H de Lucteb[urgo] . Waltero de Tiltona Willelmo de⁝Amectra Ranulpho de Blankenay Rogero de Secilia Adam de Scapwyc Rogero clerico Galfrido de⁝Ospicio et Alano Ricardo et Radulfo Reginaldo Bachiler.

[5] Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ⁝ego Willelmus filius Galfridi de Scapwic diuine pietatis intuitu et assensu Agnetis filie Roberti de Sancto Petro uxoris mee dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sanctimonialibus de Catheley et

[3] To all the faithful of Christ Robert son of Stephen of Dunston sends greeting. Know that with the consent and will of Beatrice my wife and my heirs, I have given, granted, and by the present charter confirmed in perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Catley, one toft with a croft in the village of Timberland, and one bovate of land and a half and a quarter of one bovate of land in the territory of the same village with all their appurtenances within the village and without, in marsh and meadow and wood, ways and paths, pastures and feedings, and all other easements everywhere without any reservation, namely that toft and croft and that bovate of land and a half and a quarter of one bovate which Henry son of Thore at one time held of me. And I and my heirs will warrant, acquit and defend the aforesaid toft with the croft, and the aforenamed land with all its appurtenances, as our perpetual alms, against the king and the lords and all men for ever, saving to the lord of the fee forinsec service due from so much land. And lest I or my heirs shall be able in any way to stand or have defence against the said charter for ever I have set my seal to the present writing. [*Early thirteenth century.*]

[1] *omnibus* interlined.
[2] *aliis* interlined.

[4] Let all as well future as present know that I, Walter of Martin, with the assent and consent of my wife and my heirs, have granted and given and by this my present charter confirmed to God, and the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all exactions and worldly services, in the court of the lord king at Stamford before the justices and barons of the lord king, one toft in Martin which was Nigel's at the going out of the village towards the west, with all appurtenances within the village and without. And I and my heirs, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my kin and of all my ancestors, will warrant and acquit this aforenamed toft with its appurtenances and liberties to the aforesaid convent of Catley against the king and the lords and all men for ever. [*Circa 1200.*]

[5] Let all as well present as future know that I, William son of Geoffrey of Scopwick, at the impulse of divine piety and with the assent of Agnes daughter of Robert of Saint Peter my wife, have given and granted and by my present charter confirmed to God and

eiusdem loci conuentui duas bouatas terre in Rouestona quas Rogerus nepos Walteri tenuit in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libere et quiete possidendas cum omnibus pertinenciis sicut aliqua elemosina melius et quiecius et liberius dari et teneri potest in introitibus et exitibus in viis et semitis in pratis et pasturis et mariscis et omnibus locis cum omnibus libertatibus ad predictas bouatas pertinentibus Hanc autem donacionem eis feci cum Matilda filia predicti[1] Roberti quam ipse moniales sub sacre religionis habitu in suum consorcium reciperunt . Hiis testibus Clemente decano Augustino sacerdote Thoma sacerdote de Kyrkeby Roberto sacerdote de Brauncewella Radulfo clerico de Timberlund Willelmo filio Auestini Galfrido filio Pagani de Scapwyc Iuone filio Ricardi de Rouestona Willelmo nepote Willelmi de Tilneya Siward Johanne preposito et Galfrido fratre eius et multis aliis.

[6] Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Gilebertus filius Gippe de Cheyle[?] salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me pro anima patris mei et omnium antecessorum meorum dedisse concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Catteley in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam quinque bouatas terre et dimidiam et tria tofta cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in villa de Scawpwyc et territorio de Scaupwyc et Kirkeby que scilicet tofta et bouatas habui de diuersis donatoribus videlicet de dono Philippi filii Simonis de Martona unum toftum et unam bouatam terre que Willelmus de Bylingey aliquando tenuit de Thoma filio Alexandri de Scaupwyc in predicta villa et territorio quod quidem toftum iacet inter capitale mesuagium ipsius Thome filii Alexandri et mesuagium Willelmi filii Alicie in eadem villa de Scaupwyc . Et de dono predicti Thome filii Alexandri de Scaupwyc . tres bouatas terre et dimidiam et unum toftum cum omnibus pertinenciis in predictis villa et territorio de Scaupwyc et Kirkeby quod quidem toftum iacet propinquius ecclesie de Scaupwyc ex parte occidentali . et que bouate facte sunt de propria hereditate prefati Thome ad similitudinem et valorem predicte bouate terre quam habui de predicto Philippo de Martona cum prato et pastura et omnibus aliis aisiamentis et pertinenciis infra villam et extra . ubique sine aliquo retenemento . Et de dono Ade de Thouleby et Anne uxoris eius unam bouatam terre et unum toftum cum omnibus pertinenciis in predictis territoriis de Scaupwyc et Kirkeby que quidem toftum et bouatam cum pertinenciis Rogerus Holibold aliquando de predictis Ada et Anna uxore eius ad firmam in uita sua tantum tenuit Tenendum et habendum prefato conuentui de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete et pacifice cum omnibus aisiamentis incrementis comunis introitibus et exitibus in viis et semitis pratis et pascuis et pasturis infra villam et extra ad predictam toftum et bouatam pertinentibus uel pertinere potentibus . Reddendo annuatim

the nuns of Catley and the convent of the same place, two bovates of land in Rowston which Roger grandson of Walter held in pure and perpetual alms; to possess freely and quietly with all appurtenances as any alms may best and most quietly and freely be given and held, in entries and exits, in ways and paths, in meadows and feedings and marshes and all places with all the liberties belonging to the aforesaid bovates. Moreover I have made this gift to them with Maud daughter of the aforesaid Robert whom the said nuns have received into their company under the habit of holy religion. [*Henry II.*]

[1] *predicti* interlined.

[6] To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present writing shall come Gilbert son of Gippe of Keal sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I, for the soul of my father and the souls of all my ancestors, have given, granted, and by the present charter confirmed, in free and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Catley, five and a half bovates of land and three tofts with all their appurtenances in the village of Scopwick and in the territory of Scopwick and Kirkby, which tofts and bovates I had from divers donors; namely by the gift of Philip son of Simon of Martin one toft and one bovate of land which William of Billinghay at one time held of Thomas son of Alexander of Scopwick in the aforesaid village and territory, which toft lies between the chief messuage of the same Thomas son of Alexander and the messuage of William son of Alice in the same village of Scopwick; and by the gift of the aforesaid Thomas son of Alexander of Scopwick three and a half bovates of land and one toft with all their appurtenances in the aforesaid village and territory of Scopwick and Kirkby, and the toft lies next the church of Scopwick on the west, and the bovates have been made from the inheritance of the aforesaid Thomas, after the likeness and value of the aforesaid bovate of land which I had from the aforesaid Philip of Martin, with meadow and feedings and all other easements and appurtenances everywhere without any reservation within the village and without; and by the gift of Adam de Thouleby and Anne his wife one bovate of land and one toft with all their appurtenances in the aforesaid territories of Scopwick and Kirkby, which toft and bovate with their appurtenances Roger Holibold at one time held at rent for his life only of the aforesaid Adam and Anne his wife. To have and to hold to the aforesaid convent of me and my heirs freely and quietly and peaceably, with all easements, increments, commons, entries, and exits, in ways and paths, meadows and pastures and feedings, belonging or able to belong to the aforesaid toft and bovate, within the village and without; rendering yearly to me and my heirs, or to

michi et heredibus meis uel dominis feodi pro me et heredibus meis pro predictis duobus toftis et quatuor bouatis terre et dimidia cum pertinenciis que sunt de feodo predicti Thome filii Alexandri de Scaupwyc unam libram piperis vel sex denarios et unam libram cimini uel unum denarium ad festum Sancti Botulphi tantum pro omnibus secularibus seruiciis exaccionibus consuetudinibus et demandis tam sectis curiarum quam omnibus aliis rebus que sunt vel esse possunt imperpetuum . saluo forinseco domini regis scilicet quod dicitur scutagium quantum pertinet ad tantam terram in eisdem villis . Et pro quinta bouata terre cum tofto et crofto et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis que sunt de feodo Ade de Thouleby et Anne uxoris eius unam libram cimini vel unum denarium ad festum Sancti Botulphi tantum pro omnibus secularibus seruiciis exaccionibus consuetudinibus et demandis tam sectis curiarum quam omnibus aliis rebus que sunt uel esse possunt imperpetuum . Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus defendemus et de omnibus rebus adquietabimus omnia prenominata prefato conuentui per prenominata seruicia erga regem et dominos et omnes homines imperpetuum . In cuius rei securitatem et testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui . Hiis testibus domino Alexandro de Cresy de Dunseby Ada filio Alani de Cranwella Gilberto Saluayn Johanne le Bof de eadem Roberto filio Johannis de Diryngtona Ricardo Stabilar de eadem Willelmo de la Burehalle de Diggeby Willelmo filio capellani de eadem Roberto de la Gren de Kirkeby Iuone le Graunt et Johanne nepote suo de eadem et aliis.

[7] Dei fidelibus uniuersis Johannes de Aincurt salutem . Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Catle et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam situm grangie sue in Scaupewyc et dimidiam carucatam terre in territorio eiusdem ville cum comuni pastura et aliis suis pertinenciis et unum toftum in eadem villa quem tenuit Godricus Haldus . Et duas bouatas terre in territorio predicte ville cum suis pertinenciis in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam quas de me Kare[1] et Willelmus Uncle tenuerunt . Dedi eciam prefatis monialibus et suis fratribus comunem pasturam in territorio de Blankeney bobus equis et ouibus suis de dicta grangia in Scaupwyk tam in marisco quam in brueria cum libero introitu et exitu per feodum meum . Et illud molendinum iuxta Kyrkeby quod vocatur Croftmylne cum stagno suo . et terram ad fodiendum super feodum meum iuxta ex utraque parte ad illud reparandum . quocienscumque necesse fuerit sine impedimento in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam . Et unum toftum cum crofto in eadem villa iuxta pontem ab oriente cum suis pertinenciis quem Rogerus de Kent tenuit et si visum eis fuerit ibi molendinum facere et aquam quacumque parte per feodum meum ducere concessi eis ad libitum suum sine impedimento . Preterea pro animabus patris mei et antecessorum meorum dedi concessi et

the lords of the fee for me and my heirs, for the aforesaid two tofts and four and a half bovates of land with appurtenances, which are of the fee of the aforesaid Thomas son of Alexander of Scopwick, one pound of pepper or six pence, and one pound of cummin or one penny only, at the feast of Saint Botulf, for all worldly services, exactions, customs, and demands, as well suits of courts as all other charges which are or can be for ever, saving the forinsec service of the lord king, namely that service which is called scutage, as much as pertains to so much land in the same villages. And for the fifth bovate of land with a toft and croft and all its other appurtenances, which are of the fee of Adam de Tholeby and Anne his wife, one pound of cummin or one penny only at the feast of Saint Botulf for all worldly services, exactions, customs, and demands, as well suits of courts as all other charges which are or can be for ever. And I and my heirs will warrant, defend, and acquit from all things all that is aforenamed to the aforesaid convent by the aforenamed services against the king and the lords and all men for ever. For the security and witness whereof I have set my seal to the present writing. [*Early Henry III.*]

[7] To the whole body of the faithful of God, John de Aincurt sends greeting. Know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed, in free, pure, and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, the site of their grange in Scopwick and a half carucate of land in the territory of the same village with common pasture and its other appurtenances, and one toft in the same village which Godric Haldus held; and two bovates of land in the territory of the aforesaid village with their appurtenances in free, pure, and perpetual alms, which Kare and William Uncle held of me. I have also given to the aforesaid nuns and their brethren common pasture in the territory of Blankney for their oxen, horses, and sheep, from the said grange in Scopwick, as well in marsh as in waste, with free entry and exit through my fee; and that mill next Kirkby which is called Croftmylne with its pool, and land upon my fee next on either side for digging to repair it, as often as shall be necessary, without hindrance, in free, pure, and perpetual alms; and one toft with a croft in the same village next the bridge on the east with its appurtenances which Roger of Kent held, and if it shall seem good to them to make a mill there and to lead water from any side through my fee, I have granted it to them at their pleasure without hindrance. Moreover for the souls of my father and my ancestors I

confirmaui imperpetuum eisdem monialibus et suis successoribus totum cursum aque cum suis ripis utriusque partis a dicto Croftmilne super solium feodi mei quantum durat versus Catele usque ad divisam inter Thorp' et Walecote ad suos usus necessarios in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam simul cum tota piscacione et omnibus aliis commoditatibus eiusdem aque prouenientibus . Ita tamen quod domus de Catele predictam aquam omni tempore in suo debito cursu per feodum meum infra prefatas metas sustentabunt et suis propriis sumptibus reparabunt secundum quod melius viderint expedire . Confirmaui eciam iam dictis monialibus et suis fratribus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam dimidium Estmilne ab oriente de Kirkeby ex dono Willelmi de Berewille et quicquid habent in Kirkeby et Scauppwyk et extra de feodo suo . Et quatuor bouatas terre in territorio predictarum villarum cum pertinenciis suis ex dono Galfridi filii Pagani . et omnes donaciones quas modo habent de feodo meo aut de cetero habere poterint . Hec omnia prenominata libera pura et perpetua ab omni seruicio forinseco et seculari consuetudine cum uniuersis pertinenciis suis infra villas prefatas et extra ubique ego et heredes mei warantizabimus sepedictis sanctimonialibus et suis fratribus erga dominum regem et omnes homines [et] acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum Hiis testibus Augustino sacerdote de Scaupwic . Ada de Kirkeby Johanne de Mera Oliuero filio meo Galfrido filio Pagani Willelmo filio eius Roberto de Metrincham dapifero meo Radulfo milite Jordano camerario Ricardo coco Roberto de Kyrkeby Galfrido de Lyndesey et multis aliis.

[8] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Margareta uxor quondam Simonis de Colby[1] salutem in domino . Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dedisse concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse in libera viduitate mea deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Catteleya in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee antecessorum et successorum meorum medietatem unius tofti in villa de Nauenby iacentem inter toftum quondam Galfridi fabri et toftum Walteri filii Matildis et decem acras et tres perticatas terre arabilis in territorio eiusdem ville cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . quarumcunque [*sic*][1] perticate iacent in campo boriali versus orientem ad Stonel iuxta terram quondam Nigelli de Carletona et terram Gilberti Alli et dimidia acra sub Wullesfeld iuxta terram Walteri filii Matildis et due acre in Hole abuttantes super terram persone versus occidentem et tres perticate in Hole iacentes iuxta terram quondam Johannis filii Mariot*e* abuttantes super forarium versus occidentem et dimidia acra et dimidia perticata iacentes inter terram Simonis balliui et terram Walteri filii Matildis et in medio campo versus orientem dimidia acra et dimidia perticata iacentes inter terram Ricardi Parys et terram Walteri seruientis persone abuttantes super regiam viam versus orientem et dimidia acra et quatuor sulci iacentes inter terram Henrici Dunhall et

have given, granted, and confirmed for ever to the same nuns and their successors, in free, pure, and perpetual alms for their necessary uses, the whole course of water with its banks on either side from the said Croftmilne upon the soil of my fee as far as it stretches towards Catley up to the boundary between Thorpe and Walcot, together with all the fishing and all other advantages coming from the same water, so, nevertheless, that the house of Catley shall maintain for all time the aforesaid water in its due course through my fee within the aforesaid bounds, and shall make it good at the charges of the house according as it shall seem best. I have also confirmed to the said nuns and their brethren in free, pure, and perpetual alms, half Estmilne on the east of Kirkby of the gift of William de Bereville, and whatever they have in Kirkby and Scopwick and elsewhere of his fee; and four bovates of land with their appurtenances in the territory of the aforesaid villages of the gift of Geoffrey son of Pagan; and all the gifts which they have now of my fee or may have in the future. All these aforenamed things, free, unconditionally and for ever, from all forinsec service and worldly custom, with all their appurtenances within the aforesaid villages and without everywhere, I and my heirs will warrant to the aforesaid nuns and their brethren against the lord king and all men, and acquit and defend them for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[1] MS. *Demekare.*

[8] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present writing, Margaret widow of Simon of Coleby sends greeting in the Lord. Let the whole body of you know that I, in my free widowhood, have given, granted, and by the present charter confirmed, in free and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Catley, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors and successors, the moiety of one toft in the village of Navenby, lying between the toft formerly Geoffrey the smith's and the toft of Walter son of Maud, and ten acres and three roods of arable land with all their appurtenances in the territory of the same village, whereof five roods[1] lie in the north field towards the east at Stonel next the land formerly Nigel of Carlton's and the land of Gilbert Ally, and half an acre under Wullesfeld next the land of Walter son of Maud, and two acres in Hole abutting on the parson's land towards the west, and three roods in Hole lying next the land formerly John son of Mariot's abutting on the headland towards the west, and half an acre and half a rood lying between the land of Simon the bailiff and the land of Walter son of Maud; and in the middle field towards the east half an acre and half a rood lying between the land of Richard Parys and the land of Walter, the parson's servant, abutting on the royal way towards the east, and half an acre and four furrows lying between

terram magistri de Mere et una perticata et dimidia perticata iacentes inter terram Gilberti Ally et terram Thome filii Johannis et tres perticate et dimidia perticata iacentes inter terram Willelmi de Colby et terram quondam Galfridi fabri abuttantes super Halionati versus austrum et una perticata et dimidia perticata que vocantur Midelcrofthedland abuttantes super diuisam versus orientem et dimidia acra iacet iuxta terram Johannis de Solario et in campo australi dimidia acra in Midelheldale iacens inter terram Ricardi Lawly et terram Ricardi Parys abuttans super terram Willelmi filii Stephani versus orientem et dimidia acra preter duos sulcos iacens inter terram Willelmi Screde et terram Walteri filii Matildis et dimidia acra et dimidia perticata in Layrgraftpittes abuttantes super viam regiam versus occidentem iuxta terram ecclesie et una perticata et dimidia perticata iacentes iuxta terram Matildis Dunhall abuttantes super viam regiam versus occidentem et una perticata et dimidia perticata iacentes iuxta terram eiusdem Matildis Tenendum et habendum dicto conuentui libere quiete et pacifice imperpetuum . reddendo inde annuatim dominis feodi viginti et quinque denarios argenti . scilicet matrici ecclesie Linc*olniensis* duodecim denarios ad duos terminos anni scilicet ad Pascha sex denarios et ad festum Sancti Michaelis sex denarios . et canonicis de parco de Noketona sex denarios ad eosdem terminos . et dominis de Fescam sex denarios ad eosdem terminos . et Nicholao Ret de Boby unum denarium ad Pascha pro omnibus seruiciis consuetudinibus et demandis secularibus . Et ego dicta Margareta et heredes mei dictum toftum cum dicta terra arabili et omnibus pertinenciis warantizabimus dicto conuentui acquietabimus et defendemus pro predicto seruicio erga dominum regem et dominos feodi et omnes homines inperpetuum . In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus domino Johanne de Wydyngtona et magistro Ricardo de Hortona canonico' ecclesie Linc*olniensis* Willelmo Bisegge clerico prepositure Willelmo Costard Roberto Turhefd Johanne fratre eius Ricardo de Brutona Simone Russell Johanne Parys et Ricardo fratre eius de Nauenby Nicholao Bec Thoma de India [*sic*] et Johanne Lettres de Boby et aliis.

[9] Cunctis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Johannes de Aencourt ‹ salutem Notum sit vobis me assensu sponse mee et heredum meorum dedisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Cateleia et fratribus earum clericis et laicis dimidiam carucatam terre in territorio de Scapewic et duos toftos in prefata villa illos videlicet qui fuerunt Osegot et Unfridi et comunem pasturam cum omnibus pertinenciis infra villam et extra et unum croftum quod est ex parte orientali iuxta viam ad pontem in Kirkeby cum parte illa quam Rogerus de Kent de me tenuit et si visum eis fuerit molendinum ibi facere et aquam quacunque parte per feudum meum voluerint ducere concessi eis Et preterea dedi eis quoddam molendinum iuxta Kirkebiam quod

the land of Henry Dunhall and the land of the master of Mere, and one rood and half a rood lying between the land of Gilbert Ally and the land of Thomas son of John, and three roods and half a rood lying between the land of William of Coleby and the land formerly Geoffrey the smith's abutting on Halionati towards the south, and one rood and half a rood which are called Midelcrofthedland abutting on the boundary towards the east, and half an acre lies next the land of John de Solario; and in the south field half an acre in Midelheldale lying between the land of Richard Lawly and the land of Richard Parys abutting on the land of William son of Stephen towards the east, and half an acre less two furrows lying between the land of William Screde and the land of Walter son of Maud, and half an acre and half a rood in Layrgraftpittes abutting on the royal way towards the west next the land of the church, and one rood and half a rood lying next the land of Maud Dunhall abutting on the royal way towards the west, and one rood and half a rood lying next the land of the same Maud. To have and to hold to the said convent freely quietly and peaceably for ever, rendering thence yearly to the lords of the fee twenty-five silver pennies, namely to the mother church of Lincoln twelve pence at two terms of the year, namely at Easter six pence, and at the feast of Saint Michael six pence, and to the canons of Nocton park six pence at the same terms, and to the lords of Fécamp six pence at the same terms, and to Nicholas Ret of Boothby one penny at Easter for all services, customs, and worldly demands. And I the said Margaret and my heirs will warrant the said toft with the said arable land and all appurtenances, and will acquit and defend it in virtue of the aforesaid service against the lord king and the lords of the fee and all men for ever. In witness whereof I have set my seal to the present writing. [*Circa 1270.*]

[1] For *quarum quinque*. If *quinque* is read here the details amount to exactly 10¾ acres.

[9] To all the faithful of Christ present and future John de Aincurt sends greeting. Be it known to you that with the assent of my wife and my heirs, I have given and by my present charter confirmed to God and saint Mary and the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, half a carucate of land in the territory of Scopwick and two tofts in the aforesaid village, namely those tofts which were Osgot's and Humphrey's, and common pasture with all appurtenances within the village and without, and one croft which is on the east side next the way to the bridge in Kirkby with that part which Roger of Kent held of me, and, if it shall seem good to them, to make a mill there and to lead water from any side that they wish through my fee. Further I have granted and given to them a

vocatur Croftmilne . Hec omnia dedi in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . et gwarantizabo eis et heredes mei post me imperpetuum erga omnes homines de omnibus et defendemus sicut specialem elemosinam nostram que datur nominatim pro anima patris mei et matris mee et pro me ipso et pro animabus omnium predecessorum nostrorum et subsequencium . Concessi eciam eis et omnibus domibus ordinis de Sempingham omnes donaciones quas pater meus eis dedit vel ego vel illi qui de nobis tenent vel tenuerunt ut in pace habeant et teneant sicut carte donatorum testantur . Hiis testibus Augustino sacerdote Ada clerico de Kyrkeby Johanne de Mera Radulfo de Aiencurt Galfrido filio Pagani Jordano camerario Thoraldo de Nouilla Ricardo de Bracebrig' Willelmo filio Gilberti Henrico Siluain Alano Pedechen Ernisio de Lauictun Augustino filio Yuonis.

[10] Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Philippus de Sancto Petro filius Agnetis filie Roberti de Sancto Petro diuine pietatis intuitu dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Catley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis ibi deo seruientibus unam bouatam terre in territorio de Rouestona illam uidelicet que fuit Thori et unum toftum in eadem villa quod idem Thori tenuit in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libere et quiete possidendum cum omnibus pertinenciis infra uillam et extra absque omni seculari seruicio et terrena exaccione sicut aliqua elemosina melius et quiecius et liberius dari et teneri potest in introitibus et exitibus in viis et semitis in pratis et pasturis in mariscis et omnibus locis cum omnibus libertatibus ad predictam bouatam et toftum pertinentibus . Hanc uero donacionem et confirmacionem eis feci cum Ysabel matre Agnetis matris mee quam ipse moniales sub sacre religionis habitu in suum consorcium receperunt . Et preterea sciendum est quod duas bouatas terre in territorio eiusdem ville de Rouestona quas tenuit Rogerus nepos Walteri et quas Willelmus pater meus et Agnes mater mea cum amita mea Matilda filia predicti Roberti facta monacha prefatis monialibus sicut carte earum quas inde habent testantur in puram et perpetuam elemosinam possidendas dederunt et sigillis suis confirmauerunt ego Philippus illas predictas duas bouatas terre cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus eis pertinentibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libere et quiete possidendas concessi et presenti scripto confirmaui . Ego vero et heredes mei hec omnia prescripta prenominatis monialibus fide mea interposita warantizabimus et defendemus et acquietabimus erga reges et dominos et omnes homines imperpetuum . Hiis testibus magistro Petro de Tileneia Waltero capellano Willelmo senescallo Yuone Galfrido Roberto de Rouistona Henrico clerico de Bilingey Iuone Alano nepote eius Willelmo filio Thome Willelmo preposito de Dygby.

certain mill next Kirkby which is called Croftmilne. All these things I have given and will warrant to them in pure and perpetual alms, and my heirs after me, against all men from all things for ever, and we will defend them as our special alms, given expressly for the souls of my father and my mother, and for myself, and for the souls of all our predecessors and successors. I have also granted to them and to all the houses of the order of Sempringham all the gifts that my father or I or those who hold or held of us gave to them, so that they may have and hold in peace as the charters of the donors bear witness. [*Henry II.*]

[10] Let all present and future know that I, Philip de Sancto Petro, son of Agnes daughter of Robert de Sancto Petro, at the impulse of divine piety, have given and granted and by my present charter confirmed to God and saint Mary and the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, serving God there, one bovate of land in the territory of Rowston, that namely which was Thori's, and one toft in the same village which the same Thori held, to possess freely and quietly in pure and perpetual alms with all appurtenances within and without the village, without any worldly service and earthly exaction, as any alms may best and most quietly and most freely be given and held, in marshes and all places, with all liberties belonging to the aforesaid bovate and toft. Moreover I have made this gift and confirmation to them with Isabel, mother of Agnes my mother, whom the said nuns have received into their company under the habit of sacred religion. And further be it known that as touching two bovates of land in the territory of the same village of Rowston which Roger grandson of Walter held, and William my father and Agnes my mother gave and confirmed with their seals to the aforesaid nuns with my aunt Maud, daughter of the aforesaid Robert, made a nun, to possess in pure and perpetual alms, as their charters which the nuns have thereof bear witness, I, Philip, have granted and by the present writing confirmed those aforesaid two bovates of land with all the appurtenances and liberties belonging to them to be possessed in pure and perpetual alms. Moreover I and my heirs will warrant, defend, and acquit all the aforewritten things to the aforesaid nuns against kings and lords and all men for ever, my faith being pledged thereto. [*Circa 1200.*]

[11] Notum sit cunctis Christi fidelibus futuris et presentibus quod ego Radulfus Halselin assensu et consensu heredum et amicorum meorum dedi et concessi et confirmaui hac presenti carta mea in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et sancte Agathe et sanctimonialibus de Sempingham que deo seruiunt in insula que dicitur Cateley locum grangie del Sleight in territorio de Digby cum liberis introitibus et exitibus per feodum nostrum Dedi eciam culturas illas que uocantur Brakkys et duos angulos terre scilicet australem angulum et aquilonalem ex orientali parte campi de Dygby usque Sleghtes cum communi pastura predicte ville et omnibus libertatibus et aisiamentis ad eum [*sic*] pertinentibus . et preterea focalia et coopertoria in marisco sufficientia ad suos usus necessaria . Preterea vero concessi et confirmaui eis unum toftum et unam bouatam terre in Digby que fuerunt Gille cum omnibus pertinenciis suis infra villam et extra quas Radulfus filius meus eis dedit in extremis . Hec autem feci eis pro salute anime mee et patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum et precipue pro salute anime filii mei predicti cuius corpus apud Cateley requiescit Ego vero et heredes mei warantizabimus hec omnia predictis sanctimonialibus sicut puram et specialem elemosinam nostram et liberam et quietam ab omni seculari exaccione erga regem et omnes homines imperpetuum . Hiis testibus Radulfo de Westburgh Radulfo sacerdote de Riskyntona Gregorio de Bloxham Nicholao fratre eius Willelmo Hanselin Alexandro de Cresy Willelmo de Lincolnia Radulfo de Amwyc Willelmo filio Ricardi.

[12] Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Radulfus Hauselin filius Radulfi Hauselin concessi et dedi et hac carta mea confirmaui deo et sanctimonialibus de Sempringham et fratribus earum deo seruientibus in Cateley quicquid pater meus eis dedit in elemosinam in territorio de Dygby et scripto suo confirmauit . Concessi eciam eis et hac carta confirmaui ecclesiam de Dygby cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus suis ex donacione Willelmi filii Walteri . Preterea vero dedi eis et hac mea confirmaui carta [*sic*] unum toftum et unam bouatam terre in Dygby que fuerunt Gille cum omnibus pertinenciis suis infra villam et extra in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . Confirmaui autem eis ex dono patris mei locum grangie del Sleght in liberis introitibus et exitibus per feodum nostrum . et preter hec Brakes et ceteras terras que in carta patris mei nominantur et comunam pasture prefate ville et turbas et rosum in marisco aliaque aisiamenta ad feodum nostrum pertinencia usibus eorum necessaria infra villam et extra . Hec autem feci pro salute anime mee et patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum . Et ego et heredes mei post me warantizabimus eis hec omnia predicta in puram elemosinam et perpetuam erga reges et omnes homines . Huius donacionis et confirmacionis testes sunt Ricardus sacerdos de Scapwyc Nicholaus clericus de Dyryngtona

[11] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ future and present that I, Ralf Halselin, with the assent and consent of my heirs and friends, have given and granted and confirmed by this my present charter in pure and perpetual alms to God and saint Agatha and the nuns of Sempringham who serve God in the island which is called Catley, the site of the grange of Sleight in the territory of Digby with free entries and exits through our fee. I have also given those *culturæ* which are called Brakkys and two corners of land, namely the south and the north corners, from the east side of the field of Digby as far as Sleghtes, with common pasture of the aforesaid village and all liberties and easements belonging to it, and also fuel and thatch in the marsh sufficient for their needs. Further, I have granted and confirmed to them one toft and one bovate of land in Digby which were Gille's, with all their appurtenances within the village and without which Ralf my son gave to them at his death. Moreover I have made all these gifts to them for the safety of my soul and the souls of my father and mother and all my ancestors, and especially for the safety of the soul of my aforesaid son whose body rests at Catley. Also I and my heirs will warrant all these things to the aforesaid nuns as our pure and special alms, and free and quit from all worldly exaction against the king and all men for ever. [*Before 1184.*]

[12] Let all as well future as present know that I, Ralf Hauselin, son of Ralf Hauselin, have granted and given and by this my charter confirmed to God and the nuns of Sempringham and their brethren serving God in Catley, whatever my father gave to them in alms in the territory of Digby, and confirmed by his writing. I have also granted and by this charter confirmed to them the church of Digby, with all its appurtenances and liberties, of the gift of William son of Walter. Further I have given to them and confirmed by this my charter, in pure and perpetual alms, one toft and one bovate of land in Digby which were Gille's with all their appurtenances within the village and without. Moreover I have confirmed to them of my father's gift the site of the grange of Sleght with free entries and exits through our fee, and, in addition to this, Brakes and other lands which are named in my father's charter, and common of pasture of the aforesaid village, and turf and reeds in the marsh, and other easements belonging to our fee necessary for their uses within the village and without. Moreover I have done these things for the safety of my soul and the souls of my father and mother and all my ancestors. And I and my heirs after me will warrant to them all the aforesaid things in pure and perpetual alms against kings and all men. [*Before 1184.*]

Gregorius clericus de Bloxham Galfridus de Cauce Galfridus de Scapwyc filius Pagani Willelmus de Lincolnia Nicholaus prepositus Walterus Glori Willelmus filius Ricardi.

[13] Notum sit cunctis Christi fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus quod ego Walterus dominus de Dryngtona et Johannes filius meus et heres cum omnibus aliis heredibus nostris dedimus et hac carta nostra confirmauimus duas bouatas terre in territorio de Diryngtona sanctimonialibus de Sempingham deo seruientibus in Cateley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis cum mansura et tofto quem tenuit Robsot videlicet illas duas bouatas que fuerunt Walteri fratris Nicholai cum omnibus pertinenciis in pratis et pasturis in viis et semitis et exitibus in plano et marisco cum pastura ducentarum ouium in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni accione et seculari seruicio . Preterea dedimus eis cum filia nostra duodecim acras terre arabilis et duas acras prati cum pastura duodecim vaccarum et unius tauri in perpetuam elemosinam . Et hec omnia dedimus et concessimus pro salute animarum nostrarum et omnium predecessorum nostrorum et warantizabimus eis contra omnes homines et hec tenenda affidauimus in manu Radulfi domini de Amwyc Hiis testibus Radulfo domino de Amwyc . Gocelino milite de Scappwyc Alexandro de Bereuilla Thoma sacerdote de Chircheby Ada clerico eiusdem ville Rogero de Chent Willelmo de Castello Willelmo de Dygby filio Ricardi Rogero de Dygby Gerardo et Osbesto [*sic*] de Dyryngtona et multis aliis.

[14] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Alexander de Crecy ſ salutem . Notum sit vobis me assensu amicorum meorum dimisisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse sanctimonialibus et fratribus earum clericis et laicis qui deo seruiunt in domo de Cateleya quatuor bouatas terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis infra villam de Dunnesby et extra in feudali firma tenendas de me et heredibus meis reddendo annuatim decem solidos . illas scilicet quatuor bouatas que sunt illius carucate quam Hugo de Cranewella de patre meo et de me tenuit Predictam vero firma[m] xx^{ti} annorum recepi anno incarnacionis Domini millesimo centesimo lxxxii^{do} . Finitis vero hiis viginti annis singulis annis dabunt michi et heredibus meis . decem solidos quinque solidos scilicet ad festum sancti Andree et quinque solidos ad festum sancti Botulphi . Has autem quatuor bouatas terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et pasturam ducentarum ouium warantizabo eis et heredes post me liberas et quietas ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione erga omnes homines propter predictam firmam Preterea concedo eis si voluerint et expedierint barcariam suam in brueria facere Hiis testibus Clemente decano Thoma sacerdote de Dunesby Odone persona de Torkesay magistro Willelmo de Lafford Willelmo persona de Rouestona Willelmo de Sancto Vedasto Radulfo de Amwyc Galfrido de Scapwyc Simone de Braunsewella Iuone de Rouestona.

[13] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ as well future as present that I, Walter, lord of Dorrington, and John my son and heir with all our other heirs have given and by this our charter confirmed to the nuns of Sempringham serving God in Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, two bovates of land in the territory of Dorrington, with the dwelling and toft which Robsot held, namely those two bovates which were Walter brother of Nicholas' with all appurtenances in meadows and pastures, in ways and paths and exits, in field and marsh, with pasture for two hundred sheep, in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all plea and worldly service. Further, we have given to them with our daughter twelve acres of arable land and two acres of meadow, with pasture for twelve cows and one bull, in perpetual alms. And we have given and granted all these things for the safety of our souls and the souls of all our predecessors, and we will warrant these things to them against all men, and we have pledged our faith to observe these things in the hand of Ralf, lord of Anwick. [*Before 1184.*]

[14] To all the sons of holy mother church Alexander de Crecy sends greeting. Be it known to you that with the assent of my friends, I have demised and by my present charter confirmed to the nuns and their brethren, clerk and lay, who serve God in the house of Catley, four bovates of land with all their appurtenances within the village of Dunsby and without, to hold in fee farm of me and my heirs, rendering yearly ten shillings; namely those four bovates which belong to that carucate which Hugh of Cranwell held of my father and of me. Moreover I have received the aforesaid rent for twenty years in the year of the incarnation of the Lord 1182, and when these twenty years are passed they shall give ten shillings each year to me and my heirs, namely five shillings at the feast of Saint Andrew and five shillings at the feast of Saint Botulf. Also I and my heirs after me will warrant to them these four bovates of land with all their appurtenances, and pasture for two hundred sheep, against all men, free and quit from all worldly service and exaction, in virtue of the aforesaid rent. Further, I grant to them to make their sheep fold in the waste if they wish and find it necessary. [*1182.*]

[15] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Alexander de Crecy ⁊ salutem Notum sit vobis me assensu sponse mee et heredum meorum dedisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus ordinis de Sempyngham que deo seruiunt in domum [*sic*] de Cateley et fratribus earum clericis et[1] laicis viginti acras terre arabilis factas de meo demenio perticatis . pertica sexdecim pedum assignatis in quatuor locis in primo qui vocatur Toftis quatuor acras in secundo qui vocatur Heuedlandes quatuor acras . et ab occidentali parte via qua itur de Templo ad Cranewella quatuor acras . et de propinquiori cultura ex occidentali parte de heuedland que tendit ad campos de Cranwella undecim seliones que faciunt octo acras in territorio de Dunesby[1] cum liberis introitibus et exitibus et tres perticatas terre ad toftum faciendum in occidentali parte ville de Brancewella cum pastura centum ouium et communes exitus et introitus liberos infra prenominatam villam de Brancewella et extra Hanc donacionem feci eis assensu amicorum meorum cum filia mea Matilda quam susceperunt in monacham in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam de omnibus . Et ut michi et meis prosit hic et ante deum . warantizabo et acquietabo ad opus sanctimonalium hanc elemosinam erga omnes homines et heredes mei post me imperpetuum . Hiis testibus Clemente decano Thoma sacerdote de Dunesby Willelmo clerico persona de Rouestona magistro Willelmo de Lafford Radulfo de Amwyc Galfrido de Scaupwyc Willelmo de Bereuila Iuone de Rouestona Simone de Brauncewella et Willelmo fratre eius Wydone filio sacerdotis.

[16] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Petrus de Cotes et heredes sui ⁊ salutem . Notum sit vobis me Petrum assensu aduocati domini Roberti Lincoln*iensis* episcopi et ceterorum amicorum et heredum meorum dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Cateley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis unum toftum duarum acrarum et quadraginta acras terre arabilis de meo demenio in Cotes . viginti ex una parte ville de Cotes et viginti ex alia parte videlicet tresdecim acras terre et dimidiam ex aquilonari parte super Lechebek et quatuor acras una perticata minus super heuedland ad pedem de Lekbek et tres acras una perticata minus super Northilla et ex australi parte nouem acras super Lekbek et octo acras super Rodewale et tres acras iuxta curtem Gilberti et totum selionem qui est ex altera parte fouee contra toftum . et pasturam ducentis ouibus et tantum prati et pasture communis quantum pertinet ad duas bouatas terre in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina liberius et quiecius datur aut possidetur Hec omnia dedi eis et carta mea confirmaui imperpetuum videlicet anno tercio regni[1] regis Henrici secundi et warantizabo eis et acquietabo per omnia erga regem et dominos et omnes homines ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione et heredes mei post me fide mea interposita in manu Goslani de Engelby in presencia domini Roberti episcopi . Teste capitulo Lincoln*iensi*

[15] To all the sons of holy mother church Alexander de Crecy sends greeting. Be it known to you that with the assent of my wife and my heirs I have given and by my present charter confirmed to God and saint Mary and the nuns of the order of Sempringham who serve God in the house of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, twenty acres of arable land made up out of my demesne in roods assigned by the perch of sixteen feet in four places; in the first which is called Tofts four acres, in the second which is called Headlands four acres, and on the west side of the way by which one goes from Temple to Cranwell four acres, and from the nearer *cultura* on the west side of the headland which stretches to the fields of Cranwell eleven selions which make eight acres, in the territory of Dunsby,[2] with free entries and exits; and three roods of land to make a toft on the west side of the village of Brauncewell, with pasture for a hundred sheep and common exits and free entries within the aforenamed village of Brauncewell and without. I have made this gift to them, with the assent of my friends, in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all things, with my daughter Maud whom they have received as a nun. And that it may profit me and mine here and before God, I and my heirs after me will warrant and acquit this alms to the use of the nuns against all men for ever. [*Circa 1182.*]

[1] *et* interlined.

[2] Near Cranwell, now depopulated.

[16] To all the sons of holy mother church present and future Peter of Cotes and his heirs send greeting. Be it known to you that I, Peter, with the assent of the advocate of the lord Robert bishop of Lincoln and my other friends and heirs, have given and by this my charter confirmed to the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, one toft of two acres and forty acres of arable land of my demesne in Cotes, twenty on one side of the village of Cotes and twenty on the other side; namely, thirteen and a half acres of land on the north side upon Lechebek, and four acres less one rood upon the headland at the foot of Lekbek, and three acres less one rood upon Northilla; and on the south side nine acres upon Lekbek, and eight acres upon Rodewale, and three acres next Gilbert's court, and the whole selion which is on the other side of the trench opposite the toft, and pasture for two hundred sheep, and as much meadow and common pasture as belongs to two bovates of land; in pure and perpetual alms as any alms may most freely and quietly be given or possessed. I have given and by my charter confirmed all these things to them for ever, in the third year of the reign of king Henry II, and I and my heirs after me will warrant and acquit these things to them in all things, from all worldly service and exaction, against the king and the lords and all men, having pledged my faith in the hand of Jocelin of Ingleby in the presence of the lord Robert the bishop. [*December 1156—December 1157.*]

[1] *regni* interlined.

Philippo de Kyme Rogero de Benyngwort Herberto filio Alardi Ricardo descurs [*sic*] Wydone de Vere Willelmo Waselin Rogero filio Fulconis Willelmo Fyliot Waltero fratre Petri Hugone de Stowe Willelmo de Martona Odo [*sic*] de Sancta Cruce Willelmo filio Aelsi et Reginaldo fratre eius Aluredo de Auemurt et Galfrido nepote eius.

[17] Sciant omnes Christi fideles tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Willelmus filius Joslani de Engelby assensu et consensu matris mei et heredum meorum concessi et hac presenti carta confirmaui deo et sanctimonialibus de Cateley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis donaciones patris mei et fratris Ade de Engelby quas predictis sanctimonialibus dederunt et cartis suis confirmauerunt scilicet tres culturas terre arabilis in territorio de Engelby sic vocatur Asfordecroft et Ellouerygges et terciam culturam iuxta diuisam de Torkesey et Seggedalewellam et duas acras prati in loco qui uocatur ker . de dono patris mei Joslani predicti et terciam acram prati proximam duarum predictarum acrarum versus aquilonem de dono fratris mei Ade predicti sicut carte eorum dicunt liberas et quietas de omni exaccione et seculari seruicio cum communi pastura et omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus et aisiamentis ad feodum meum pertinentibus ubique . Hoc enim feci pro salute anime mee et patris mei et matris mee et fratris mei Ade et omnium parentum et antecessorum meorum et heredum meorum . Et ego et heredes mei post me warantizabimus et defendemus et acquietabimus hec omnia prescripta predictis monialibus et earum fratribus de omnibus erga regem et dominos et omnes homines sicut puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omnibus exaccionibus et seruiciis secularibus imperpetuum Hiis testibus Alexandro archidiacono Lincoln*iensis* ecclesie Alano decano de Filingham Wydone filio Joslani de Engelby Willelmo de Veer Aschetillo Pelldelu Roberto de Pykworth*e* Roberto capellano de Thorp Waltero capellano de Engelby Willelmo Russell Ricardo et Viviano de Cattele.

[18] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Oliuerus filius Oliueri de Vendore et sponsa eius et heredes sui ⁝ salutem . Sciatis nos consilio et assensu parentum et heredum nostrorum et dominorum dedisse et dimisisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Cateley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis dimidiam carucatam terre in territorio de Glentworth de minoribus bouetis et quatuor acras cum fossatis iuxta mansionem suam pro mansura et dimidiam bouetam iuxta illam dimidiam carucatam terre cum uno tofto in predicta uilla iuxta ecclesiam in parte australi quam tenuit Henricus et post eum Jol pelliparius et cum prato iacente et cum communi pastura et ceteris pertinentiis in introitibus et exitibus eiusdem uille . Preterea concessimus et confirmauimus quicquid pater meus Oliuerus dedit eis uel dimissit videlicet quandam mansionem in territorio de Glentworth in loco qui dicitur Milnecroft a terra Rogeri Arsic in parte orientali usque

[17] Let all the faithful of Christ as well present as future know that I, William son of Jocelin of Ingleby, with the assent and consent of my mother and my heirs, have granted and by this present charter confirmed to God and the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, the gifts of my father and my brother Adam of Ingleby, which they gave to the aforesaid nuns and confirmed by their charters; namely three *culturae* of arable land in the territory of Ingleby called Asfordecroft and Elloverygges and a third *cultura* next the boundary of Torksey and Seggedalewell, and two acres of meadow in the place called Carr of the gift of my aforesaid father Jocelin, and a third acre of meadow next the two aforesaid acres towards the north, of the gift of my aforesaid brother Adam, as their charters tell, free and quit from all exaction and worldly service, with common pasture and all appurtenances, liberties, and easements belonging everywhere to my fee. Moreover I have done this for the safety of my soul and the souls of my father and my mother and Adam my brother and all my kin and ancestors and heirs. And I and my heirs after me will warrant and defend and acquit all these aforewritten things to the aforesaid nuns and their brethren from all things against the king and the lords and all men, as our pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all exactions and worldly services for ever. [*Circa 1200.*]

[18] To all the sons of holy mother church present and future Oliver, son of Oliver of Wendover, and his wife and his heirs send greeting. Know that we, with the counsel and assent of our kin and heirs and lords, have given and demised and by this present charter confirmed to the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, half a carucate of land of small bovates in the territory of Glentworth, and four acres with ditches next their dwelling, for a dwelling, and half a bovate next that half carucate of land with one toft in the aforesaid village next the church on the south side, which Henry, and after him Jol the skinner, held, and with the meadow adjoining and with common pasture and other appurtenances in the entries and exits of the same village. Further, we have granted and confirmed whatever my father Oliver gave or demised to them; namely, a certain dwelling in the territory of Glentworth in the place called Milnecroft from the land of Roger Arsic on the east side

ad cursum aque in parte occidentali cum introitibus et exitibus in australi parte et aquilonis [*sic*] molendinum eciam ibi cum conductibus aquarum et stagnum aptum de nostro feodo siue sit de nostro meneo [*sic*] siue de eo quem tenent homines nostri et calcetum supra stagnum ut a fratribus circumfoditur . Huius donacionis et concessionis gratia predicte moniales dederunt nobis xxvij marcas argenti ut habeant et teneant predicta omnia libere et quiete ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione sicut aliqua elemosina liberius datur et possidetur a religiosis et ne in dubio habeatur ut predicta sint de dote sponse mee ego uero Oliuerus et sponsa mea et heredes nostri acquietabimus et warantizabimus et defendemus predicta omnia de omnibus calumpniis et querelis et consuetudinibus secularibus predictis monialibus erga regem et dominos et omnes homines sicut puram et specialem elemosinam nostram fide nostra interposita . Preterea affidaui quod ego Oliuerus nunquam pro lucro vel pro re aliqua aduersabor monialibus de Cateleya vel fratribus earum nec alius per me in hiis omnibus que de meo feodo tenent sicuti carte earum testantur . ut aliquid eorum minuatur eis vel conturbetur set adiuuabo pro posse meo et manutenebo ut libera et quieta et illibata ista permaneant . Hec omnia dedi et concessi carta et fide mea confirmaui pro salute mea et omnium meorum et pro anima patris mei et matris mee cuius corpus in cimiterio predictarum monialium quiescit . et specialiter pro anima Willelmi filii Warani . Testibus capitulo Lincoln*iensi* Dregoni [*sic*] filio Radulfi Rogero Arsyc Arnisio de Neuille Goslano de Ingelby Willelmo Wrracheby [*sic*] Hugone de Grimesby Galfrido filio Pagani.

[19] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Oliuerus de Vendore filius Oliueri et heredes sui ⁊ salutem . Noueritis nos consilio et assensu parentum amicorum et heredum nostrorum dedisse et demisisse sanctimonialibus de Catteley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis unam carucatam terre in campis de Glentworth cum septem toftis infra villam . Videlicet toftum Terri et toftum Seuardi le potter et toftum iuxta toftum Terri et toftum Ricardi Ledenenis et toftum Reginaldi Lequite et toftum Roberti et toftum Wlgeri et cum omnibus aliis aisiamentis et pertinenciis suis infra villam et extra . Tenendum et habendum de nobis sicut puram et specialem elemosinam nostram imperpetuum . Ego vero Oliuerus et heredes mei warantizabimus eis prenominatam carucatam terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis fide mea interposita in capitulo Lincolniensi in manu Radulfi subdecani erga regem et dominos et omnes homines de omni terreno seruicio et seculari exaccione pro triginta· marcis quas nobis dederunt et acquitauerunt erga Iudeos Lincoln*ie* anno octodecimo regni regis Henrici secundi . Hiis testibus Radulfo subdecano Petro de Melia Hiliberto canonico Pagano canonico Roberto de Chene Martino thesaurario Ricardo filio cantoris Simone de Creuequer Rogero Arsic Hugone Bardolf Ada

as far as the water course on the west side with entries and exits on the south and the north sides, also a mill there with the conduits of water, and a suitable pool, drawn from our fee, whether from our demesne or from the land which our men hold, and a causeway above the pool as it is dug about by the brethren. The aforesaid nuns have given us for the favour of this gift and grant, twenty-seven marks of silver that they may have and hold all the aforesaid things free and quit from all worldly service and exaction, as any alms is most freely given and possessed by religious persons. And lest there should be any doubt whether the aforesaid things belong to my wife's dower, I, Oliver, and my wife and our heirs will acquit and warrant and defend all the aforesaid things to the aforesaid nuns from all claims and quarrels and worldly customs as our pure and special alms against the king and the lords and all men, our faith being pledged thereto. Further, I have pledged my faith that I, Oliver, will never for gain or for anything oppose the nuns of Catley or their brethren, nor will any other person through me, in respect of all these things which they hold of my fee as their charters bear witness, so that anything of theirs may be diminished or disturbed, but I will help and maintain them according to my power that these things may remain free and quit and unimpaired. All these things I have given and granted and by my charter and faith confirmed for my safety and that of all my people and for the souls of my father, and of my mother whose body rests in the graveyard of the aforesaid nuns, and especially for the soul of William son of Warin. [*1154-1172.*]

[19] To all the sons of holy mother church present and future Oliver of Wendover, son of Oliver, and his heirs send greeting. Be it known that with the counsel and assent of our kinsfolk, friends, and heirs, we have given and demised to the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, one carucate of land in the fields of Glentworth with seven tofts within the village—namely the toft of Terri, and the toft of Seward the potter, and the toft next the toft of Terri, and the toft of Richard Ledenenis, and the toft of Reginald Lequite, and the toft of Robert, and the toft of Wulger—and with all its other easements and appurtenances within the village and without to hold and to have of us as our pure and special alms for ever. Moreover I, Oliver, and my heirs will warrant to them the aforenamed carucate of land with all its appurtenances from all earthly service and worldly exaction against the king and the lords and all men, for thirty marks which they have given to us with which they have made quittance against the Jews of Lincoln, my faith being pledged in the chapter of Lincoln in the hand of Ralf the subdean, in the eighteenth year of the reign of king Henry II. [*19 December, 1171—18 December, 1172.*]

Painell Willelmo de Seniuast Otuuero de Vendouer*a* Fromondo de Glentworth Alano de Filingham Willelmo filio Oninot Golano de Helsby Willelmo Aselino Folcone milite de Chastello Astino de Glentworth Galfrido de Actor' Waltero Trauers Galfrido de Saseleby Radulfo puero.

[20] Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Oliuerus de Vendoure[s] salutem . Sciatis me pro salute anime mee et animarum antecessorum et heredum meorum concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Cateley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quatuordecim bouatas et dimidiam terre arabilis de feodo meo in territorio de Glentworth . simul et contigue iacentes . et quatuor acras circumfossatas iuxta mansionem suam cum pratis adiacentibus et comunibus pasturis cum omnibus pertinenciis infra villam et extra Scilicet duas bouatas terre cum pertinenciis et sedem grangie cum pertinenciis et situm molendini sui cum conductibus aquarum et stagnum aptum de meo feodo siue sit de meo dominio siue de eo quod homines mei tenuerunt et calcetum super stagnum sicut a fratribus circumfoditur . que omnia Oliuerus auus meus eis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam dedit . et duodecim bouatas et dimidiam cum pertinenciis et quatuor acras circumfossatas iuxta mansionem suam cum sex toftis in eadem villa toftum videlicet iuxta ecclesiam in australi parte quod Henricus tenuit et post eum Yol pelliparius et toftum Terri et toftum Sewardi le porter [*sic*] et toftum iuxta toftum Terri et toftum Ricardi Ledenenis et toftum Reginaldi Asby . que omnia Oliuerus pater meus eis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam dedit . In incrementum . vero dedi eisdem sanctimonialibus et fratribus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sex seliones arabiles in australi parte eiusdem ville iuxta terram suam ad viridem viam . Et ego et heredes mei eis warantizabimus et defendemus et acquietabimus de omni seculari seruicio et exaccione erga dominum regem et dominos feodi et omnes homines omnia prenominata imperpetuum . Hiis testibus Simone de Cana Ada Panell' Willelmo filio Wynok Willelmo Vendore Petro de Bilingey Radulfo de Beuerley Rogero decano de Glentworth Alano de Lincolnia Rogero Stabelario Willelmo filio Thome de Dygby Henrico clerico de Bilingey.

[21] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Oliuerus de Vendouure filius Oliueri et heredes sui salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et dimisisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Catteley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis mansiones quas ipsi habent in feodo nostro in campis de Glentworth et situm molendini cum conductibus aquarum et duas bouatas terre in campis predicte ville et unum toftum in eadem villa que prius omnia pater meus Oliuerus pro anima Willelmi filii Gwarrini illis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam dederat . Ego vero et heredes mei

[20] To the whole body of the sons of holy mother church Oliver of Wendover sends greeting. Know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors and heirs, I have granted and by my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, in pure and perpetual alms, fourteen and a half bovates of arable land of my fee in the territory of Glentworth, lying together and contiguous, and four acres ditched about next their dwelling, with the meadows adjoining and common pastures and all their appurtenances within the village and without; namely two bovates of land with appurtenances, and the site of the grange with appurtenances, and the site of their mill with the conduits of waters and a suitable pool drawn from my fee, either from my demesne or from the land which my men hold, and a causeway above the pool as it is dug about by the brethren, all which things Oliver my grandfather gave to them in pure and perpetual alms, and twelve and a half bovates with appurtenances, and four acres ditched about next their dwelling, with six tofts in the same village; namely the toft next the church to the south which Henry and after him Yol the skinner held, and the toft of Terri, and the toft of Seward the porter [*sic*], and the toft next the toft of Terri, and the toft of Richard Ledenenis and the toft of Reginald Asby, all which things Oliver my father gave to them in pure and perpetual alms. Moreover by way of increment I have given in pure and perpetual alms to the same nuns and brethren six arable selions on the south side of the same village, next their land by the green way. And I and my heirs will warrant and defend and acquit all the aforenamed things to them from all worldly service and exaction against the lord king and the lords of the fee and all men for ever. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[21] To all the sons of holy mother church present and future Oliver of Wendover, son of Oliver, and his heirs send greeting. Know that we have given, granted, and demised, and by this present charter confirmed to the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, the dwellings which they have in our fee in the fields of Glentworth, and the site of the mill with the conduits of waters, and two bovates of land in the fields of the aforesaid village and one toft in the same village, all which things my father Oliver formerly gave to them in pure and perpetual alms for the soul of William son of Warin. Moreover I

pro salute anime mee et parentum meorum et antecessorum meorum et specialiter pro anima predicti Willelmi . acquietabimus et gwarantizabimus et defendemus predicta omnia erga regem et dominos et omnes homines sicut puram et specialem elemosinam nostram liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione imperpetuum . Et per hanc donacionem et confirmacionem reconsiliati sumus omnibus parentibus Willelmi filii Gwarrini . Hiis testibus Roberto canonico de Lincolnia Hugone sacerdote de Heueduna Lamberto sacerdote de Elmeswella Ranulpho sacerdote de Glentworth Willelmo milite filio Ranulfi Willelmo de Seint Vas Otuero de Vendoura.

[22] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Willelmus de Bingham et Agnes sponsa eius et heredes sui salutem . Uniuersitati vestre innotescat nos communi assensu parentum et heredum nostrorum dedisse et dimisisse et fide nostra in manu Alesaundri decani de Torkesey posita et hac carta nostra confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Cateley et fratribus earum in Haldehagha commanentibus unum toftum in Hardwyk et unam culturam octo acrarum que uocatur Luuedennos de feodo de Torkesey reddendo annuatim propter culturam ad firmam de Torkesey duodecim denarios . Ego vero et heredes mei warantizabimus et acquietabimus et defendemus predictis monialibus et fratribus predictam culturam et toftum per predictam firmam erga regem et dominos et omnes homines imperpetuum . Hiis testibus Godfrido canonico de parco de Noktona Alexandro decano Odone de Torkesey Alano clerico Thoma de Torkesey Helsi et Hakun et Willelmo et Hanselino piscat*ore* Galfrido piscatore omnes [*sic*] de Torkesey Johanne del Boys.

[23] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Willelmus de Bigham [*sic*] et heredes sui salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Cateleya et fratribus earum clericis et laicis . quinque acras terre arabilis in territorio de Torkesey ex occidentali parte de Bursdic in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam de me et heredibus meis ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione fide mea interposita Hiis testibus Odo persona Alexandro sacerdote Galfrido sacerdote Alano clerico Thoma sac*erdote* clerico[1] Columbano et ceteri omnes de Torkesey.

[24] Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ranulfus filius Roberti de Rya dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et sanctimonialibus de Catteley et fratribus earum clericis et laicis unam middam salis de feodo meo in Gosseberdkyrk scilicet de area quam Willelmus filius Roberti filii Hirof tenuit de me et heredibus meis reddendam illis annuatim ad festum sancti Petri in gula autumpni in veram et puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute

and my heirs, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my kinsmen and my ancestors and especially for the soul of the aforesaid William, will acquit and warrant and defend all the aforesaid things as our pure and special alms free and quit from all worldly service and exaction against the king and the lords and all men for ever. And through this gift and confirmation we are reconciled with all the kin of William son of Warin. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[22] To all the sons of holy mother church William of Bingham and Agnes his wife and their heirs send greeting. Let the whole body of you note that with the common assent of our kinsfolk and heirs, we have given and demised and by our faith, pledged in the hand of Alexander the dean of Torksey, and by this our charter confirmed, to the nuns of Catley and their brethren dwelling together in Haldehagha, one toft in Hardwick and one *cultura* of eight acres which is called Luuedennos of the fee of Torksey; rendering yearly for the *cultura* twelve pence to the farm of Torksey. Moreover I and my heirs will warrant and acquit and defend the aforesaid *cultura* and toft to the aforesaid nuns and brethren for the aforesaid rent against the king and the lords and all men for ever. [*Henry II.*]

[23] To all the sons of holy mother church present and future William of Bingham and his heirs send greeting. Know that we have given and by this present charter confirmed to the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, five acres of arable land in the territory of Torksey on the west side of Bursdic, in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from me and my heirs from all worldly service and exaction, my faith being pledged thereto. [*Henry II.*]

[1] A name has probably been omitted before *clerico*.

[24] Let present and future know that I Ranulf son of Robert de Rya have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, one *midda* of salt from my fee in Gosberton, namely from the saltpan which William son of Robert son of Hirof held of me, to be rendered to them yearly at the feast of Saint Peter in the beginning of autumn, in true and pure and perpetual alms for the

anime mee et anime Constacie [*sic*] uxoris mee et animarum antecessorum meorum et hanc donacionem ego et heredes mei warantizabimus prefatis sanctimonialibus erga omnes homines imperpetuum . Hiis testibus Willelmo persona Johanne de Rya Philippo eius fratre Gilberto monacho fratre Hugonis capellani Willelmo eius fratre Petro clerico Thoma filio Hum' Willelmo de Dygby Galfrido eius filio Mauricio Hugone et Hamone eius filiis Johanne Bud et Simone eius filio Hemeo palmareo [*sic*] Godfrido eius filio Andrea clerico Ricardo filio Stephani Waltero Cobinot.

[25] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Stephanus de Gant salutem Sciatis me concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Cattele et fratribus earum clericis et laicis duas bouatas terre et unum toftum in villa et in territorio de Salteby quas Beatrix Cressy dedit predictis monialibus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam cum filia sua Juliana ibi facta monacha scilicet et quas Ricardus filius Elwini tenuit et eundem Ricardum cum tota sequela sua libere bene et in pace cum omnibus pertinenciis infra villam de Saltby et extra . que ad predictam terram pertinent pro tribus denariis argenti annuatim reddendis michi et heredibus meis ad festum sancti Martini pro omni seculari seruicio et exaccione que ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinent et ita conuenit inter me et eundem conuentum quod ego et heredes mei et assignati mei post me predictas duas bouatas terre et toftum cum singulis suis pertinenciis et wardis releuiis et escaetis inde prouenientibus eisdem monialibus et suis successoribus contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et de omnibus rebus secularibus sectis curie et omni seruicio forinseco que ad predictam terram et toftum pertinent vel pertinere poterunt erga dominum regem et dominos et omnes homines acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam . In huius rei testimonium huic presenti carta mea sigillum meum apposui . Hiis testibus Waltero sacerdote de Saltby Herberto persona de Scaldeford Petro diacono de Hunggertona Helia de Saltby Galfrido Billyng Petro de Bilingey Willelmo filio Thome de Digby Henrico clerico de Bilingey Gerardo de Leddemere et multis aliis.

[26] Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Matildis de Mortuo Mari filia domini Willelmi de Benyngurda ⁝ salutem . Noueritis me in libera viduitate ac potestate mea pro salute anime mee et animarum patris et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui monialium de Catteley ordinis de Sempyngham in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam unum toftum et duas bouatas terre arabilis in villa et territorio de Wlsthorpa cum omnibus suis pertinenciis ad camisas monialium predictarum de Catteley illud scilicet toftum et illas bouatas terre quas Willelmus Lambert aliquando de me tenuit

safety of my soul and the soul of Constance my wife, and the souls of my ancestors. And I and my heirs will warrant this gift to the aforesaid nuns against all men for ever. [*Circa 1200.*]

[25] To all the sons of holy mother church Stephen of Ghent sends greeting. Know that I have granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Catley and their brethren, clerk and lay, two bovates of land and one toft in the village and in the territory of Saltby, which Beatrice Cressy gave to the aforesaid nuns in free, pure, and perpetual alms, with her daughter Juliana made a nun there, those namely which Richard son of Elwin held, and the same Richard with all his issue, freely, well, and in peace, with all appurtenances within the village of Saltby and without which belong to the aforesaid land, for three pence of silver to be rendered yearly to me and my heirs at the feast of Saint Martin for all worldly service and exaction which belong to me or my heirs. And it is thus agreed between me and the same convent that I and my heirs and assigns after me shall warrant the aforesaid two bovates of land and the toft with all their appurtenances, and with wardships, and reliefs, and escheats arising therefrom, in free, pure, and perpetual alms, to the same nuns and their successors, against all peoples, and we will acquit and defend these things from all worldly matters, suits of court, and all forinsec service which belongs or may belong to the aforesaid land and toft against the lord king and the lords and all men for ever. In witness whereof I have set my seal to this present charter. [*Henry III.*]

[26] To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present writing shall come Maud de Mortimer daughter of sir William of Benniworth sends greeting. Know that in my free widowhood and power, for the safety of my soul and the souls of my father and mother and all my ancestors, I have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed, in free, pure, and perpetual alms, to God and blessed Mary and the convent of the nuns of Catley of the order of Sempringham, one toft and two bovates of arable land with all their appurtenances in the village and territory of Woolsthorpe, for the shifts of the aforesaid nuns of Catley, namely that toft and those bovates of land which William Lambert at one time held of me for

usque ad terminum duodecim annorum . Habendum et tenendum dictum toftum et dictas bouatas terre cum omnibus eorum pertinenciis infra villam et extra sine aliquo retinemento de me et heredibus meis predicto conuentui monialium de Catteley et successoribus suis ad camisas earundem sicut prefatum est liberas et quietas ab omni seculari seruicio et terrena exaccione sectis curie et demandis . Et ego dicta Matildis de Mortuo Mari et heredes mei omnia et singula prenominata sicut predictum est dicto conuentui monialium de Catteley tanquam specialem elemosinam meam warantizabimus defendemus et de omnibus et in omnibus acquietabimus imperpetuum . In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Datum apud Newbo . die commemoracionis Sancti Pauli apostoli anno domini millesimo CCm° Lxviii° Hiis testibus domino Roberto Cosin de Pykwrda milite Reginaldo de Carletona Johanne de Benyngwortha auunculo dicte domine Matildis Adam Peuerell' Roberto Aleheg' de Wlsthorp et aliis.

[27] Cunctis Christi fidelibus Adam Cresy ⁝ salutem . Sciatis me dedisse concessisse et presenti scripto confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Catteley in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unum toftum in villa de Graham cum omnibus pertinenciis illum scilicet toftum qui iacet inter toftum Arnaldi fabri ex una parte et Henrici de Mannethorp ex altera in Walkergate et quem Hugo de Botlesforth de me aliquando tenuit Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus predictum toftum cum pertinenciis predicto conuentui contra omnes homines imperpetuum . Et in huius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui . Hiis testibus Johanne filio Simonis Thoma de Scaudeforda Willelmo Brum Hugone le Ferrour Ricardo Yernmonger Willelmo Kigge Hugone Kytlyng Arnaldo fabro Hugone Walker et aliis.

[28] Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus Gaufridus Columbine et uxor eius Agnes salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse et carta nostra confirmasse sanctimonialibus et canonicis de Sempyngham deo seruientibus in cenobio de Catteley sex acras prati in Holflete in pratis de Trentemersch in perpetuam elemosinam nobis tamen et heredibus nostris in recognicione tres denarios ad festum sancti Johannis Baptiste annuatim reddentes pro omni seculari seruicio Hanc donacionem predictis sanctimonialibus et canonicis dedimus et warantizabimus et acquietabimus erga regem et omnes homines . Teste capitulo Sancte Marie Lincoln*iensis* Radulfo subdecano Rogero de Dereby Herueius de Rouceby Pagano canonico Roberto le Cumest' Alexandro Malebuise Goslein de Engelby Hugone filio Johannis del Estou Nigello de Lizures Willelmo filio Eilsi Warli*us* [*sic*] preposito.

the term of twelve years; to have and to hold the said toft and the said bovates of land with all their appurtenances within the village and without, without any reservation, of me and my heirs to the aforesaid convent of the nuns of Catley and their successors for the shifts of the same, free and quit of all worldly service and earthly exaction, suits of court, and demands. And I, the said Maud de Mortimer, and my heirs will warrant, defend, and in all things against all men acquit all and singular the aforenamed things as is aforesaid, to the said convent of the nuns of Catley as my special alms for ever. In witness whereof I have set my seal to the present writing. Given at Newbo on the day of the commemoration of Saint Paul the apostle in the year of the Lord 1268.

[27] To all the faithful of Christ Adam Cresy sends greeting. Know that I have given, granted and by the present writing confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Catley, one toft in the town of Grantham with all appurtenances; namely that toft which lies between the toft of Arnald the smith on the one side and that of Henry of Manthorpe on the other in Walkergate, and which Hugh of Bottesford at one time held of me. And I and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid toft with appurtenances to the aforesaid convent against all men for ever. And in witness hereof I have set my seal to the present writing. [*Henry III.*]

[28] To the whole body of the faithful of holy mother church as well future as present Geoffrey Columbine and Agnes his wife send greeting. Know that we have given and granted and by our charter confirmed to the nuns and canons of Sempringham serving God in the monastery of Catley, six acres of meadow in Holflete in the meadows of Trent marsh, in perpetual alms, rendering nevertheless to us and our heirs, by way of recognition, three pence yearly at the feast of Saint John the Baptist for all worldly service. We have given and will warrant and acquit this gift to the aforesaid nuns and canons against the king and all men. [*1160-1184.*]

[29] Henricus dei gratia rex Anglorum dux Normannorum et Aquitanorum et comes Andegauorum archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus iustic*iariis* uicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis tocius Anglie . salutem . Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse sanctimonialibus de Catteley in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesiam de Bylyngeya cum pertinenciis suis et cum aliis beneficiis que Petrus de Bilyngeya eis rationabiliter dedit et carta sua confirmauit et ecclesiam de Dunsby cum pertinenciis suis et cum aliis beneficiis que Alexander de Cresy eis rationabiliter dedit et carta sua confirmauit . Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod predicte sanctimoniales prenominatas ecclesias et omnia supradicta habeant et teneant bene et in pace libere et quiete et integre et plenarie et honorifice et rationabiliter cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis sicut carte predictorum donatorum Petri scilicet de Bilingeya et Alexandri de Cresy testantur Testibus Reginaldo Bathoniensi et Johanne Norwycensi episcopis comite Willelmo de Manneuilla Reginaldo de Courtenay Godefrido de Lucy apud Wintoniam.

[29] Henry, by the grace of God king of the English, duke of the Normans and Aquitanians, and count of the Angevins, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, ministers, and all his faithful people of the whole of England, sends greeting. Know that I have granted and by the present charter confirmed in perpetual alms to the nuns of Catley, the church of Billinghay with its appurtenances and with the other benefactions which Peter of Billinghay reasonably gave to them and by his charter confirmed, and the church of Dunsby with its appurtenances and with the other benefactions which Alexander de Cresy reasonably gave to them and by his charter confirmed. Wherefore I will and firmly command that the aforesaid nuns have and hold the aforenamed churches and all the aforesaid things, well and in peace, freely and quietly and completely and fully and honourably and reasonably, with all their appurtenances and liberties and free customs, as the charters of the aforesaid donors, namely Peter of Billinghay and Alexander de Cresy, bear witness. [Witness], at Winchester. [*1175-1188.*]

Bullington Priory

[1] Cunctis Christi fidelibus Simon filius Willelmi ⁝ salutem . Sciatis me fundasse domum quandam religionis in parco meo de Bolyngtona in honore dei et beate virginis Marie et dedisse illam sanctimonialibus ordinis de Sempyngham et fratribus earum clericis et laicis ibidem deo seruientibus pro salute anime mee et Agnetis uxoris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum . Dedi eciam eis partem de parco meo ut ibi habitent et partem de bosco meo et de terris meis in aquilonali parte et orientali eiusdem domus per metas et diuisas determinatas et eis assignatas Similiter dedi eis ad sustentacionem suam ecclesias de Bolyngtona et de Langtona cum omnibus pertinenciis suis . et molendinum meum de Hachethorna . Dedi similiter eis in territorio meo de Faldingwortha totum Aldefeld et Rauenstoft usque ad Mormatehou in occidente et exinde recta linea versus merediem usque ad diuisas de Hanewort et ex eodem Mormatehou usque ad diuisas de Neutona in aquilonali parte Assignaui eciam eis in eodem territorio locum ad habitandum ut ibi faciant domos et grangias et ceteras officinas suas cum libero introitu et exitu . Item dedi eis totam terram quam habebam in warnoth de feodo Willelmi Bechet in territorio de Faldingwortha cum communi pastura eiusdem ville et de Aldefeld sexcentis ouibus et aliis animalibus et pecoribus suis . Hec omnia eis dedi et assignaui per manum Roberti secundi episcopi Lincoln*iensis* in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libera et quieta ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione . Et ego et heredes mei post me warantizabimus eis hec omnia predicta contra omnes homines sicut specialem elemosinam nostram . Huius rei testes sunt ipse dominus Robertus episcopus Lincoln*iensis* Aldelmus decanus magister Haimo Robertus archidiaconus Malgerus de Newerc Reginaldus de Creuket' Willelmus filius Haconis Walterus de Amunwilla Ricardus de Scurs . . . . . .[1] de Faldigworda Willelmus Rasyn Philippus de Kyma et Symon et Walterus filii mei Willelmus Bechet.

[2] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Willelmus de Kyma filius Philippi de Kyma secundi ⁝ salutem in domino . Noueritis me diuine caritatis intuitu et pro salute mea et Lucie sponse mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et priori ac conuentui utriusque sexus domus de Bolyngtona in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio et terrena exaccione quicquid habent de feodo meo sine aliquo retinemento scilicet situm abbacie sue cum omnibus terris et nemoribus tenementis et pasturis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis et aisiamentis suis . et liberam viam per

Bullington Priory

[1] To all the faithful of Christ, Simon son of William sends greeting. Know that in honour of God and the blessed Virgin Mary I have founded a certain house of religion in my park of Bullington and given it to the nuns of the order of Sempringham and their brethren, clerk and lay, serving God there, for the safety of my soul and that of Agnes my wife and the souls of all my ancestors. I have also given them part of my park that they may dwell there, and part of my wood and my lands on the north and east sides of the same house by the metes and bounds appointed and assigned to them. Likewise I have given them for their support the churches of Bullington and Langton with all their appurtenances, and my mill of Hackthorn. I have likewise given them in my territory of Faldingworth all Aldefeld, and Ravenstoft as far as Mormatehou on the west, and thence in a straight line towards the south as far as the boundary of Hanworth, and from the same Mormatehou as far as the boundary of Newton on the northern side. I have also assigned to them in the same territory a place for habitation with free entry and exit, that they make houses and granges and their other offices there. Also I have given them all the land which I had in *warnoth* of William Bechet's fee in the territory of Faldingworth, with common pasture of the same village and of Aldefeld for six hundred sheep and for their other animals and stock. All these things I have given and assigned to them by the hand of Robert II, bishop of Lincoln, in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all worldly service and exaction. And I and my heirs after me will warrant all these aforesaid things to them against all men as our special alms. [*Circa 1155.*]

[1] Space for one word left in enrolment.

[2] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present writing, William of Kyme, son of Philip the second of Kyme, sends greeting in the Lord. Know that at the impulse of divine charity and for my safety and that of Lucy my wife and that of all my ancestors and successors I have granted and by my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the prior and convent of either sex of the house of Bullington, in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all worldly service and earthly exaction, whatever they have of my fee without any reservation; namely the site of their abbey, with all its lands and woods, tenements and pastures, and all other appurtenances and easements, and a free way through

omnes terras meas ad omnes usus suos sicut ad usus meos proprios vel heredum meorum . excepto blado et prato secundum morem et antiquam consuetudinem patrie posito in defenso et excepto bosco de Bolyngtona . salua dictis priori et conuentui libera via ad omnes decimas suas pacifice inde cariandas Et totam grangiam suam de Aldefeld cum omnibus terris et tenementis que de feodo meo habent in Faldingwurth in Spridlyngtona in Toft et in Neutona in Ingham in Rand et in Bolyngtona . in Wragby in Herdewyk in Hakethorna in Langtona in Oxecombe in Burgo in Wynthorp in Skegnes in Freskena in Wanfleth in Braytoft in Gunneby in Hotoft in Suttona in Malberthorp in Hemmyngby in Sureya et in marisco de Metringham . cum omnibus pertinenciis libertatibus et aisiamentis suis infra villas et extra . et liberam piscariam in aqua mea de Dokedic inter Winstanhow et Bradeware videlicet quatuor homines cum duobus batellis et duobus tramellis per duos dies per annum in aduentu monialium apud Bolyngtonam versus magnum capitulum de Sempyngham . Et preterea concessi et confirmaui predictis priori et conuentui omnes patronatus et aduocaciones ecclesiarum de Bolyngtona de Langtona de Fuletheby de Hameringham de Burgo[1] de Wynthorp de Prestwald de Ingham de Spridlyngtona in medietate ecclesie de Freskena et in medietate ecclesie de Hakethorn cum omnibus terris et tenementis ad predictas ecclesias pertinentibus et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis et libertatibus suis Habenda et tenenda predicta omnia et singula sine aliquo retinemento sibi et successoribus suis libere quiete pacifice et honorifice in puram et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum . Ita quidem quod nec ego nec heredes mei vel assignati aliquod ius vel clameum seculare seruicium vel demandam aliqua racione de cetero possimus exigere de predictis terris et tenementis cum omnibus ac singulis suis pertinenciis Ego vero Willelmus et heredes mei vel assignati adquietabimus et defendemus omnia et singula prememorata de omnibus rebus et exaccionibus sectis curiarum et demandis et de omnibus seruiciis et consuetudinibus querelis et occasionibus et de omnimodis forinsecis seruiciis contra dominos feodorum et contra omnes homines et feminas sicut puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram imperpetuum . In cuius rei testimonium presens scriptum sigilli mei impressione roboraui Hiis testibus dominis Philippo de Arcy Nicholao Burdeth Ada de Toutheby militibus Gilleberto de Cheiles Roberto de Mistertona Stephano de Lund Thome Mustell Hugone Helewell [*sic*] Philippo de Merle Roberto Herre de Wynthorp Ada Jaumbes Datum apud Lincolniam die sancte Katerine virginis anno domini Millesimo CCLVI°.

[3] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Robertus Putrel de Cotes ſ salutem . Notum sit vobis me assensu et concessu sponse mee et heredum meorum dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus

all my lands for all their purposes as for those of myself and my heirs, excepting the crops and meadow fenced round according to the usage and ancient custom of the country, and excepting the wood of Bullington, saving to the said prior and convent a free way to carry all their tithes thence peaceably. And all their grange of Aldefeld with all the lands and tenements which they have of my fee in Faldingworth, Spridlington, Toft, Newton, Ingham, Rand, Bullington, Wragby, Hardwick, Hackthorn, Langton, Oxcombe, Burgh le Marsh, Winthorpe, Skegness, Friskney, Wainfleet, Bratoft, Gunby, Huttoft, Sutton, Mablethorpe, Hemingby, Southrey, and the marsh of Metheringham, with all their appurtenances, liberties, and easements, within the villages and without, and a free fishery in my water of Dokedic between Winstanhow and Bradeware, namely four men with two boats and two nets for two days in the year when the nuns at Bullington go to the great chapter of Sempringham. And moreover I have granted and confirmed to the aforesaid prior and convent all the patronages and advowsons of the churches of Bullington, Langton, Fulletby, Hameringham, Burgh, Winthorpe, Prestwold, Ingham, and Spridlington, and the medieties of the churches of Friskney and Hackthorn, with all lands and tenements belonging to the aforesaid churches, and with all their other appurtenances and liberties. To have and to hold all and singular the aforesaid without any reservation to them and their successors, freely, quietly, peacefully, and honourably, in pure and perpetual alms for ever, so that neither I nor my heirs nor assigns can in future exact any right or claim, worldly service or demand, for any reason, in respect of the aforesaid lands and tenements with all and singular their appurtenances. Moreover I, William, and my heirs or assigns will acquit and defend all and singular the aforesaid from all matters and exactions, suits of courts and demands, and from all services and customs, pleas and incidents, and from all manner of forinsec services, against the lords of the fees and against all men and women for ever as our pure and perpetual alms. In witness whereof I have strengthened the present writing by the impression of my seal . . . . . Given at Lincoln on the day of saint Katherine the virgin, in the year of the Lord 1256.

[1] *de Burgo* repeated.

[3] To all the sons of holy mother church, as well present as future, Robert Putrel of Cotes sends greeting. Be it known to you that with the assent and consent of my wife and my heirs, I have given and by this my charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary

de Bolyngtona et fratribus earum clericis et laicis ecclesiam de Houtuna et aduocacionem eius cum omnibus pertinenciis scilicet in terris decimis et omnibus obuencionibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina liberius et quiecius religiosis dari potest pro salute mea et sponse mee et omnium meorum tam viuorum quam defunctorum ut prosit nobis ad perpetuam salutem . Ego vero et heredes mei warantizabimus eis prefatam elemosinam contra omnes homines pro anima Henrici Putrel et pro anima Haldeburc uxoris eius . Hiis testibus Willelmo sacerdote de Rande Herberto capellano de Barkeworda Anketello capellano de Prestwolda Hugone capellano de Houtuna Iuone de Prestwolda Willelmo H*er*uy Joseph de Rande Petro de Lincolnia Roberto de Haneworda Radulfo de Bolyngtona Hec carta facta est in capitulo sanctimonialium quando predictus Robertus Putrel in fraternitatem susceptus est.

[4] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens carta peruenerit . Elias filius Anketilli de Prestwald ⁝ salutem Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et monialibus de Bolyngtona et fratribus earum clericis et laicis donacionem patris mei scilicet ecclesiam sancte Andree de Prestwalda cum capellis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis infra villam et extra et triginta acras terre arabilis in territorio eiusdem ville Hanc vero concessionem et confirmacionem feci eis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina religiosis liberius potest dari et pro salute anime mee et pro animabus patris et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum . Et ego et heredes mei post me warantizabimus eis hec omnia predicta erga regem et omnes homines imperpetuum sicut carte patris mei quas inde habent testantur . Hiis testibus magistro Ricardo de Kima canonico Lincoln*iensi* Anketillo capellano de Prestwold magistro Willelmo de Draytona magistro Roberto de Lucteburch Roberto Putrel Elia de Digeswrd Willelmo filio Hugonis Willelmo filio Yvonis de Prestwald Simone Pollard.

[5] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Anketinus filius Hugonis de Prestwald ⁝ salutem . Notum sit vobis me concessisse et assensu domini Philippi de Kyma et Thome filii mei et heredis et aliorum heredum meorum et Dionisie uxoris mee dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et sanctimonialibus de Bolingtona et fratribus earum clericis et laicis ecclesiam sancti Andree de Prestwald et triginta acras terre de dominio meo in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni exaccione et seculari seruicio . Ego autem et heredes mei adquietabimus et warantizabimus predictam elemosinam erga dominum regem et dominos et erga omnes homines . Testibus Philippo de Kyma Ricardo clerico Radulfo filio Osberti Goscelino de Ponte Reginaldo capellano de Stanfort Hugone capellano de Houtona Henrico clerico de Prestwold [*sic*] Gaufrido de Jorz Ricardo Furmentin Willelmo de Prestwald et Fulcone fratre suo Osberto de Oxecumbe Walrauen de Stanfort.

and the nuns of Bullington and their brethren, clerk and lay, the church of Hoton and its advowson with all appurtenances, namely in lands, tithes, and all obventions, in pure and perpetual alms, as any alms can most freely and quietly be given to the religious, for my safety and that of my wife and all my kin as well living as dead that it may further our eternal safety. Moreover I and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid alms to them against all men for the soul of Henry Putrel and for the soul of Haldeburc his wife . . . . . This charter was made in the chapter of the nuns when the aforesaid Robert Putrel was received into fraternity. [*Late Henry II.*]

[4] To all the sons of holy mother church to whom the present charter shall come, Elias son of Anketill of Prestwold sends greeting. Know that I have granted and by my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Bullington and their brethren, clerk and lay, my father's gift, namely the church of saint Andrew of Prestwold with its chapels and all other appurtenances within the village and without, and thirty acres of arable land in the territory of the same village. Moreover I have made them this grant and confirmation in pure and perpetual alms, as any alms can most freely be given to the religious, for the safety of my soul and for the souls of my father and my mother and all my ancestors. And I and my heirs after me will warrant all these aforesaid things to them against the king and all men for ever, as my father's charters which they have therein bear witness. [*Circa 1200.*]

[5] To all the sons of holy mother church Anketin son of Hugh of Prestwold sends greeting. Be it known to you that I have granted, and with the assent of Sir Philip of Kyme and Thomas my son and heir and my other heirs and Dionisia my wife, have given and by this my charter confirmed to God and the nuns of Bullington and their brethren, clerk and lay, the church of saint Andrew of Prestwold and thirty acres of land of my demesne, in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all exaction and worldly service. Moreover I and my heirs will acquit and warrant the aforesaid alms against the lord king and the lords and all men. [*Henry II.*]

[6] Original Charter (Harl. Chart. 45 H 29). Confirmation by Peter of Beckering, son of Robert of Torrington, to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of half the land in Beckering which he holds of the fee of Alan son of Bernard, namely two bovates with two tofts, which the priory previously held. Printed in *Danelaw Charters*, no. 7. [*Circa 1190.*]

[8] Cunctis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit Gunny filius Walteri de [[1]] de Waltham salutem in domino . Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et priori et conuentui utriusque sexus de Bulyngtona in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quandam domum cum placea ad dictam domum pertinente cum omnibus pertinenciis suis que sita est ex aquilonali parte curie que quondam fuit Henrici de Waltham in villa de Grymesby . tenendum et habendum libere et quiete et pacifice in puram et perpetuam elemosinam cum libero introitu et exitu et omnibus libertatibus suis et aisiamentis sicut aliqua elemosina melius et liberius a viris religiosis teneri potest et possideri . Et ego Gunny et heredes mei warantizabimus adquietabimus et defendemus dictam domum et placeam cum suis pertinenciis contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et in huius rei testimonium et plenam securitatem resignaui predictis priori et conuentui cartam quam habui ex donacione eorum de dicta domo et placea et huic scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus domino Philippo de Wyuelesby tunc maiore de Grymesby Ada Wlbern Petro le Neun Willelmo Rayner Godefrido de Aula Gilberto Baldwyn Johanne Caretario.

[9] Notum sit cunctis Christi fidelibus quod ego Thoraldus filius Warini dedi sanctimonialibus de Bolyngtona in perpetuam elemosinam in[1] territorio de Estbarkeworth quindecim acras terre arabilis ex una parte ville et totidem ex alia parte . et dimidiam partem prati quod pertinet ad totam terram meam eiusdem ville et toftum unum quod assignaui fratribus earum in eadem villa . et pasturam centum ouibus cum omnibus pertinentibus ad eandem terram Hec omnia dedi eis concessione Willelmi filii Iuonis domini mei libera et quieta ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione et consuetudine et auxilio et ab omnibus que ad terram pertinent . exceptis duodecim denariis quos fratres Bulyngtunnie [*sic*] gratuita voluntate sua michi et heredibus meis annuatim persoluent . Et quia volo ut teneant hec predicta bene et solute et quiete fidem meam interposui in manu Alani Bretun' et sponsa mea Hawysa pepigit hec omnia tenenda et fide sua firmauit in manu Henrici sacerdotis de Lyndewode . Nam ego et heredes mei warantizabimus ea erga regem et dominos et omnes homines . Huius rei sunt testes Willelmus sacerdos de Rande Alanus Bretun Walterus de Tirryngtona et Durand de Tirryngtona et Henricus de Tirryngtona et Rogerus filius Geraldi et Robertus clericus de Barkeworth et Heudo de Barkworth et Geraldus clericus et Aelsi et Wydo et Syword et Clak et Hoseb*er* filius Clak et Hoggys et Willelmus filius Lefwini et Randulphus filius Hosb*er* et Johannes filius Roberti de Heituna et Gerardus filius Willelmi de Barkworth.

[7] Original Charter (Harl. Chart. 55 G 16). Confirmation by Richard de Sancto Petro to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of the land in Wigford given by Lecia daughter of William son of Fardein, and William son of Martin Rufus and Lecia, which Richard formerly held of them. Printed in *Danelaw Charters*, no. 78. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[8] To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present charter shall come, Gunny son of Walter of Waltham sends greeting in the Lord. Know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the prior and convent of either sex of the house of Bullington a certain house with a plot belonging to the said house with all its appurtenances which is situated on the north side of the court which was formerly Henry of Waltham's in the town of Grimsby. To hold and to have freely and quietly and peacefully in pure and perpetual alms with free entry and exit and with all its liberties and easements as any alms can best and most freely be held and possessed by religious men. And I, Gunny, and my heirs will warrant, acquit and defend the said house and plot with its appurtenances against all men for ever. And in witness hereof and full security I have given up to the aforesaid prior and convent the charter which I had of their gift touching the said house and plot, and I have set my seal to this writing. [*Henry III.*]

[1] A blank space sufficient for one word occurs here in the enrollment.

[9] Be it known to all the faithful of Christ that I Thorald son of Warin have given in perpetual alms to the nuns of Bullington in the territory of East Barkwith fifteen acres of arable land on the one side of the village and as much on the other side, and half the meadow which belongs to all my land of the same village, and one toft which I have assigned to their brethren in the same village, and pasture for a hundred sheep, with all things pertaining to the same land. I have given all these things to them by the grant of William son of Ivo my lord, free and quit from all worldly service and exaction and custom and aid and from all things which belong to the land, except twelve pence which the brethren of Bullington of their free will shall pay yearly to me and my heirs. And because I will that they hold these aforesaid things well and immune and quietly I have pledged my faith in the hand of Alan Bretun, and Hawysa my wife has promised to observe all these things and confirmed them with her faith in the hand of Henry the priest of Lyndwood. Moreover I and my heirs will warrant these things to them against the king and the lords and all men. [*Early Henry II.*]

[1] *in* repeated in MS.

[10] G. misericordia dei prior ordinis de Sempyngham dilectis filiis et filiabus priori et prepositis et conuentui de Bolyngtona[?] salutem . Voluntarie paupertati vestre compaciens et precipue egrotancium indigenciam attendens terram vestram de Sancto Botulpho in territorio de Skirbek sitam ad infirmancium inopiam subleuandam cum edificiis ibidem fabricatis atque fabricandis peticione domini Thome de Multona et domini Willelmi de Fryseby archidiaconi de Westetrynge ex quorum munere prouenit prefatum beneficium ad instanciam vestram concedo et confirmo et ad hoc firmiter obseruandum presens scriptum sigilli mei munimine corroboraui . districte inhibens ne quis in posterum contra huius concessionis mee et confirmacionis paginam venire presumat.

[11] Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willelmus filius Rogeri Musteile de Tirringtona concessi et huius carte mee testimonio in perpetuam elemosinam confirmaui sanctimonialibus de Bolyngtona omnia que pater meus concessit uel confirmauit eis tenenda in territorio predicte ville . Ego vero et heredes mei warantizabimus eis omnia imperpetuum . Hiis testibus Gudredo suppriore Ketello procuratore de Bolyngtona Reginaldo capellano de Tirringtona Alano Bretun Galfrido Musteile Thoma Musteile Martino fabro Osberto plumbario de Sempyngham Radulfo Wdeman' carpentario Helya cementario.

[13] Sciant tam futuri quam presentes me Rogerum de Benyngwrda concessisse et dedisse deo et sanctimonialibus de ordine sanctimonialium[1] de Sempyngham que deo seruiunt in ecclesia quam Simon filius Willelmi et Philippus filius eius et heres fundauerunt in territorio de Bolyngtona molendinum quod situm est super aquam que vocatur Beine . ex occidentali parte Dunigtunne cum pertinenciis suis excepto quod homines mei de Benygworth non venient ad predictum molendinum causa molendini nisi gratuita voluntate mea et meorum . quod molendinum videlicet mater mea Lucia assensu Walteri patris mei dedit eis in perpetuam elemosinam Dedi eciam eis quoddam croftum septem acrarum quod assignaui fratribus earum iuxta molendinum . Concessi eciam eis liberam viam eundi et redeundi ad molendinum . Hanc autem donacionem feci eis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute mea et matris mee et uxoris mee Sibille et heredum meorum et pro anima patris mei et pro anima comitis Willelmi et filii eius et omnium antecessorum nostrorum . Huius donacionis testes sunt Philippus de Kyme et Thomas filius Willelmi Hacun et Simon frater eius . et Gregorius de Benygwrda et Iuo de Barkewrde et Ricardus de Bylesby et Rogerus Franceis et Amfridus de Sotteby et Willelmus de Haceby et Willelmus armiger Rogeri.

[10] To his beloved sons and daughters the prior and provosts and convent of Bullington, Gilbert, by God's mercy prior of the order of Sempringham, sends greeting. In pity of your poverty, and mindful especially of the penury of the sick, at your instance I freely grant and confirm your land of Boston in the territory of Skirbeck, with the buildings built and to be built upon it, to relieve the necessity of the infirm, at the request of Sir Thomas de Multon and Sir William de Fryseby, archdeacon of the West Riding, from whose munificence the aforesaid benefaction comes. And for the firm observance of this I have strengthened the present writing with the protection of my seal, strictly forbidding that any one in future presume to go against the record of this my grant and confirmation. [*Circa 1200.*]

[11] Let all as well present as future know that I, William son of Roger Musteile of Torrington, have granted and by the witness of this my charter confirmed in perpetual alms to the nuns of Bullington all things which my father granted or confirmed to them to hold in the territory of the aforesaid village. Moreover I and my heirs will warrant all [these] things to them for ever. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[12] Original Charter (Harl. Chart. 54 E 10). Grant by Agnes wife of Herbert son of Adelard, to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of a small carucate, of the fee of Barton, in South Ferriby, and of the advowson of half the church of South Ferriby. Printed in *Danelaw Charters*, no. 27. [*Henry II.*]

[13] Let as well future as present know that I, Roger of Benniworth, have granted and given to God and the nuns of the order of the nuns of Sempringham who serve God in the church which Simon son of William and Philip his son and heir have founded in the territory of Bullington, the mill which is situated on the water called Bain on the west side of Donington, with its appurtenances, except that my men of Benniworth shall not come to grind at the aforesaid mill except with the free will of me and mine, which mill, that is, Lucy my mother gave them in perpetual alms with the assent of Walter my father. I have also given them a certain croft of seven acres which I have assigned to their brethren by the mill. I have also granted them a free way for coming and going to the mill. Moreover I have made this gift to them in pure and perpetual alms for my safety and that of my mother and Sibyl my wife and my heirs and for the soul of my father and for the soul of earl William and his son and for the souls of all our ancestors. [*Early Henry II.*]

[1] *Sanctimonialium* interlined.

[14] Cunctis Christi fidelibus tam futuris quam presentibus Walterus de Neuylla ⁝ salutem . Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse per assensum et voluntatem et concessum Cecilie uxoris mee et Alexandri filii mei et heredis et aliorum heredum meorum deo et beate virgini Marie et conuentui sanctimonialium de Bolyngtona et fratribus earum clericis et laicis quadraginta acras et unam terre arabilis in territorio de Redburna . scilicet viginti acras et unam ex orientali parte de Bramehilla in cultura mea et ad perficiendas alias viginti acras . dedi eis culturam meam scilicet sexdecim acras et dimidiam que est ex occidentali parte vie puplice versus Lincoln*iam* . et ex aquilonali parte de Hatton welles et tres acras et dimidiam in Swynesty deyle . Dedi eciam pasturam CC. ouibus sicut meis propriis vel tot agnis si prescripti fratres elegerint et aisiamentum communis pasture ceteris animalibus suis in pascuis et pasturis cum eis [*sic* for *meis*] animalibus sine vexacione et inquietacione de me et de omnibus seruientibus et hominibus meis . Hec omnia dedi eis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libera et quieta ab omni seruicio et exaccione et demanda sicut aliqua elemosina liberius sancte ecclesie et viris religiosis datur . Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus eis hec omnia pro amore dei et salute animarum nostrarum et omnium antecessorum nostrorum . Hiis testibus Alexandro archidiacono Ricardo de Kyma Waltero Blundo canonicis Lincoln*iensibus* Radulfo decano de Tirringtona Rogero de Mumbegum*e* [*sic*] Petro de Bekerynga Roberto Beneyt Willelmo de Houtona Ricardo clerico Willelmo Mustel de Tiringtona Willelmo Blanchard Richero de Redburna Simone de Tunstall.

[15] Cunctis Christi fidelibus presentibus et futuris Gracia de Saleby quondam uxor Briani de Insula ⁝ salutem in domino Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me in libera viduitate et in ligea potestate mea dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Bolyngtona ad recreacionem et sustentacionem sanctimonialium infirmarum et canonicorum et fratrum egrotorum eiusdem domus pro anima patris mei et matris mee et pro salute anime mee et meorum totam terram meam de Strubby iuxta Langtonam sine aliquo retinemento cum toftis et croftis pratis et pascuis et cum omnibus aliis aisiamentis et libertatibus suis scilicet nouem bouatas terre arabilis in prefata villa cum totidem toftis et cum omnibus natiuis meis eiusdem ville cum catallis suis et tota posteritate sua . videlicet cum Alano ad capellam et Roberto fratre suo cum Ricardo filio Hereberti et Willelmo fratre suo cum Andrea et Reginaldo cum Silueruna vidua et Ricardo filio Hugonis et cum Ricardo filio Leue cum catallis suis et sequelis . Preterea dedi eis redditum quatuor solidorum et seruicium unius bouate terre quam Andreas de Strubby vendidit Willelmo de Benyngworth et redditum unius libre cumini cum seruicio duarum bouatarum terre quas Rogerus Bigot tenet in eadem villa in liberam puram et perpetuam

[14] To all the faithful of Christ as well future as present Walter de Neville sends greeting. Know that by the assent and will and consent of Cecily my wife and Alexander my son and heir and my other heirs, I have given and granted and by the present charter confirmed to God and the blessed Virgin Mary and the convent of the nuns of Bullington and their brethren clerk and lay forty-one acres of arable land in the territory of Redbourne namely twenty-one acres in my *cultura* on the east of Bramehilla, and to make up the other twenty acres I have given them my *cultura*, namely 16 acres and a half, on the west of the public way towards Lincoln and on the north of Hatton wells, and three acres and a half in Swynesty deyle. I have also given pasture for two hundred sheep as for my own, or for as many lambs if the aforesaid brethren shall so choose, and easement of common pasture for their other animals in pastures and feedings with my animals without vexation and disturbance from me or from any of my servants and men. I have given them all these things in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all service and exaction and demand as any alms is most freely given to holy church and to religious men. And I and my heirs will warrant all these things to them for the love of God and for the safety of our souls and those of all our ancestors. [*Henry II.*]

[15] To all the faithful of Christ present and future Grace of Saleby, widow of Brian de l'Isle, sends greeting in the Lord. Let the whole body of you know that in my free widowhood and liege power, for the soul of my father and that of my mother and for the safety of my own soul and the souls of my kin, I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Bullington, for the refreshment and maintenance of the infirm nuns and canons and sick brethren of the same house, all my land of Strubby by Langton without any reservation, with tofts and crofts, meadows and pastures, and with all its other easements and liberties, namely nine bovates of arable land in the aforesaid village with as many tofts, and with all my villeins of the same village with their chattels and all their posterity, namely with Alan at the chapel and Robert his brother, with Richard son of Herbert and William his brother, with Andrew and Reginald, with Silverun the widow and Richard son of Hugh, and with Richard son of Leve, with their chattels and issues. Moreover I have given them a rent of four shillings and the service of one bovate of land which Andrew of Strubby sold to William of Benniworth, and a rent of one pound of cummin with the service of two bovates of land which Roger Bigot holds in the same village, in free, pure, and perpetual alms, as any

elemosinam sicut aliqua elemosina liberius potest dari et confirmari pro deo viris religiosis. Tenendum et habendum de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete ab omni seruicio et exaccione seculari. Et ego Gracia et heredes mei predictas nouem bouatas terre cum toftis et pratis et pascuis et omnibus pertinenciis suis et cum predictis natiuis cum suis sequelis et cum prefatis seruiciis et redditibus prenominato conuentui contra dominos feudi et omnes alios warantizabimus et de omnibus forinsecis seruiciis et demandis et de uniuersis consuetis et inconsuetis seruiciis et omnibus aliis rebus que aliquando in posterum quacumque de causa poterunt contingere defendemus imperpetuum et acquietabimus Hiis testibus domino Simone de Kyma domino Normanno Darcy et Philippo filio suo domino Roberto de Dryby et Simone filio suo domino Philippo de Chauncy. Radulfo de Polum Thoma de Bekeryng. Willelmo Burdeth. Willelmo de Bleseby. Roberto de Snelleslund Reynero de Sotteby.

[16] Cunctis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Willelmus filius Umfridi de Oxcumbe[?] salutem Sciatis me dedisse deo et sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Bolyngtona et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam viginti acras terre arabilis ex una parte ville de Oxcumbe et alias viginti acras ex alia parte eiusdem ville et pratum ad predictam terram pertinens et pasturam ad trescentas oues et aliis animalibus suis [*sic*] in territorio de Oxcumbe et toftum proximum tofto meo ex aquilonari parte in quo predicti fratres commanent. per assensum et voluntatem domini mei Philippi de Kyma et Simonis filii eius. Hanc autem donacionem feci eis et presenti carta mea confirmaui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam de omnibus secularibus seruiciis et exaccionibus et consuetudinibus sicut carta domini mei Philippi de Kyma eis confirmat et testatur. et totum tenementum meum concessi tenere de eis sicut dominus meus Philippus de Kyma eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmauit Huius rei testes sunt dominus meus Philippus de Kyma et Simon et Willelmus et Walterus filii predicti Philippi de Kyma magister Radulfus de Kyma Alanus capellanus Rogerus de Benegwor*d*a [*sic*] Thomas de Saleby Philippus filius Simonis de Kyma Willelmus sacerdos de Langetona Willelmus sacerdos de Rand Joseph filius eius Helias de Brun*na*.

[17] Eudo de Mumby omnibus hominibus suis et amicis tam Francis quam Anglicis et omnibus hanc cartam audientibus salutem. Notum sit vobis omnibus me dedisse et concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse. concessu et assensu Amice uxoris mee et fratrum meorum Radulfi Willelmi Jordani et heredum meorum monialibus de Bolyngtona et fratribus earum clericis et laicis totam terram quam Magnus de Burgh et antecessores eius tenuerunt de me et de antecessoribus meis in villa de Burgh scilicet quinque bouatas terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et libertatibus infra villam et extra imperpetuum de me et heredibus meis tenendas. faciendo inde michi et

alms can most freely be given and confirmed for God to religious men. To hold and to have of me and my heirs free and quit from all service and worldly exaction. And I, Grace, and my heirs will warrant, defend for ever, and acquit against the lords of the fee and all others from all forinsec services and demands and from all manner of accustomed and unaccustomed services and from all other things which at any time, for whatever reason for ever may arise, the aforesaid nine bovates of land with tofts and meadows and pastures, and all their appurtenances with the aforesaid villeins with their issues and with the aforesaid services and rents to the aforenamed convent. [*Henry III.*]

[16] To all the sons of holy mother church William son of Humfrey of Oxcombe sends greeting. Know that I have given in pure and perpetual alms to God and saint Mary and the nuns of Bullington and their brethren, clerk and lay, twenty acres of arable land on one side of the village of Oxcombe, and another twenty acres on the other side of the same village, and meadow belonging to the aforesaid land, and pasture for three hundred sheep and for their other animals in the territory of Oxcombe, and the toft in which the aforesaid brethren dwell together next to my toft on the north, with the assent and will of my lord Philip of Kyme and Simon his son. Moreover I have made this gift to them and confirmed it by my present charter in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all worldly services and exactions and customs as the charter of my lord Philip of Kyme confirms and bears witness to them, and I have granted that I will hold my whole tenement of them as my lord Philip of Kyme has given and granted to them and confirmed by his charter. [*Henry II.*]

[17] Eudo of Mumby to all his men and friends as well French as English and to all hearing this charter sends greeting. Be it known to you all that I have given and granted and by this my charter confirmed, with the consent and assent of Amice my wife and of my brothers, Ralf, William, and Jordan, and of my heirs, to the nuns of Bullington and their brethren, clerk and lay, all the land which Magnus of Burgh and his ancestors held of me and of my ancestors in the village of Burgh, namely five bovates of land with all their appurtenances and liberties within the village and without, to hold for ever of me and my heirs doing only therefore to me and

heredibus meis tantummodo seruicium octaue partis unius militis . Quare volo ut predicte moniales teneant predictam terram per prenominatum seruicium bene et in pace quiete et libere et honorifice Hiis testibus Ada de Amundewilla Pagano Ileberto Alexandro Malebisse canonicis . Philippo de Kyme Simone filio eius Rogero Arsic Rogero de Benigworda Thoma de Heintona . Willelmo de Welle Petro de Bekeric . Waltero de Alford Gileberto de Hakethorna Philippo de Kale Johanne de Orreby Herui de Burc Radulfo filio Magni de Burc.

[19] Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Philippus de Kyma et Hawysa sponsa eius ‡ salutem . Sciatis quod nos pro salute nostra et liberorum nostrorum et amicorum nostrorum et pro animabus patrum et matrum nostrorum et antecessorum et pro anima comitisse Roheys dedimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmauimus deo et sancte Marie et sanctimonialibus de Bolyngtona in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione toftum quod fuit Edrici Hyndenfeyr de Waynflet et viginti acras terre in territorio eiusdem ville que fuerunt predicti Edrici . quam scilicet terram Willelmus filius Godrici tenet cum tofto de predictis sanctimonialibus . reddendo eis annuatim ad festum sancti Botulphi quinque solidos argenti pro omni seruicio scilicet ad inueniendum lumen in ecclesia sanctimonialium predictarum et in capitulo earum circa sepulcra patris mei Philippi et matris mee et comitisse Roheis . Hiis testibus Radulfo filio Oseberti [*sic*] Willelmo et Philippo filiis nostris Waltero de Alfort . Petro de Bekerynga Johanne clerico Helia de Brunna . Willelmo de Croft Hugone pincerna Radulfo de Bertona Waltero de Oxcumbe Simone de Aslaketona Willelmo Bacon' Henrico de Langetona.

[21] Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Philippus de Kyma ‡ salutem Notum sit vobis me concessu et assensu et consilio Hawyse uxoris mee et Simonis filii mei et heredis et Willelmi et Philippi . filiorum meorum dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus ordinis de Sempyngham que deo seruiunt in Bolyngtona et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sexies

my heirs the service of the eighth part of one knight. Wherefore I will that the aforesaid nuns hold the aforesaid land for the aforenamed service, well and in peace, quietly, and freely, and honourably. [*Henry II.*]

[18] Original Charter (Harl. Chart. 47 E 15). Grant by Ralf son of Magnus of Burgh le Marsh to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of the land called Tonlande in Winthorpe, being 30 acres, to which Ralf had proved his right in the court of Alan of Martin by the king's writ. Printed in *Danelaw Charters*, no. 112. [*Late Henry II.*]

[19] To all the sons of holy mother church as well present as future Phillip of Kyme and Hawise his wife send greeting. Know that for our safety and that of our children and friends and for the souls of our fathers and mothers and ancestors and for the soul of the countess Roheys we have given and by this our present charter confirmed to God and saint Mary and the nuns of Bullington, in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all worldly service and exaction, the toft which was Edric Hindenfeyr of Wainfleet's and twenty acres of land in the territory of the same village which were the aforesaid Edric's, which land, that is, William son of Godric holds, with the toft, of the aforesaid nuns, rendering to them yearly five shillings of silver at the feast of St. Botolph for all service, namely, to furnish light in the church of the aforesaid nuns and in their chapter house about the graves of the father of me, Philip, and of my mother, and of the countess Roheys. [*Henry II.*]

[20] Original Charter (Harl. Chart. 52 G 41). Grant by Philip of Kyme to the nuns and brethren of Bullington of pasture and meadow in Huttoft and Sutton in the Marsh, and of certain land held of him by William of Oxcombe. Printed in *Danelaw Charters*, no. 56. [*Henry II.*]

[21] To all the sons of holy mother church as well present as future Philip of Kyme sends greeting. Be it known to you that with the consent and assent and counsel of Hawise my wife and Simon my son and heir and William and Philip my sons I have given and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of the order of Sempringham who serve God in Bullington and their brethren, clerk and lay, one

viginti acras de dominico marisco meo in territorio de Medryngham secundum metas assignatas et determinatas . et liberum introitum et exitum per aquam et terram bigis et nauibus suis et hominibus suis et quibus libet necessariis suis . Hanc vero donacionem feci eis pro animabus patris et matris mee et pro anima patris Hawyse uxoris mee et antecessorum meorum omniumque fidelium defunctorum et pro salute mea et uxoris mee et omnium nostrorum liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione sicut aliqua elemosina liberius et quiecius dari potest Hiis testibus Lamberto priore de Kyma et capitulo Waltero et Gileberto filiis meis Willelmo de Mubray Roberto Wylegeby Waltero de Alford . Gocelino de Punz Willelmo de Kele Johanne clerico Helia de Brunna Ricardo de Suaby Roberto Trauers Roberto de Manneby.

[22] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris Thomas de Muletona[1] salutem . Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Bolyngtona et fratribus earum clericis et laicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram meam que iacet inter terram Walleranni de Rokefort et inter terram Eudonis filii Sigeri in villa sancti Botholfi ab aqua usque ad fossatum barre . Ego vero et heredes mei totam predictam terram prefate domui de Bolyngtona contra omnes homines warantizabimus et acquietabimus . Et ut hec donacio et concessio rata sit et stabilis eandem sigilli mei apposicione corroboraui . Hiis testibus Alano de Muletona Roberto de Bussay Johanne filio Jordani . Gileberto de Burc et Alano fratre eius Alexandro Grim et Henrico filio eius Rogero de Burc Philippo clerico de Neuport Willelmo clerico de Kameryngham Rogero de Welleby.

[23] Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Willelmus le Botiller filius Aumerici le Botiller salutem in domino . Noueritis me diuine caritatis intuitu et pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et priori ac conuentui utriusque sexus domus de Bolyngtona in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari seruicio et terrena exaccione quicquid habent de feodo meo sine aliquo retinemento in villa et territorio de Ingham . de quorumcunque collacione cum omnibus homagiis releuiis seruiciis escaetis et cum omnibus aliis profectibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis . Habenda et tenenda predicta omnia et singula in puram et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum . ita quidem quod nec ego nec heredes mei nec aliquis nomine nostro aliquod ius vel clameum homagium aut releuium aliquod eciam seculare seruicium vel demandam de predicto tenemento aliqua racione seu occasione exigere poterimus imperpetuum . Ego vero Willelmus et heredes mei acquietabimus et defendemus omnia et singula prenominata de omnibus rebus et

hundred and twenty acres of my demesne marsh in the territory of Metheringham, according to the assigned and appointed bounds, and free entry and exit by water and land for their carts and boats and men and all their necessaries whatsoever. Moreover I have made this gift to them for the souls of my father and my mother and for the soul of the father of Hawise my wife and for the souls of my ancestors and of all the faithful departed, and for my safety and that of my wife and that of all our kin, free and quit from all worldly service and exaction as any alms can most freely and quietly be given. [*Henry II.*]

[22] To all the sons of holy mother church as well present as future Thomas of Moulton sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Bullington and their brethren, clerk and lay, all my land which lies between the land of Waleran de Rokefort and the land of Eudo son of Siger, in the town of Boston, from the water as far as the ditch of the bar. Moreover I and my heirs will warrant and acquit all the aforesaid land to the aforesaid house of Bullington against all men. And that this gift and grant may be firm and stable I have confirmed the same by the apposition of my seal. [*Early thirteenth century.*]

[23] To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present writing William le Botiller, son of Almeric le Botiller, sends greeting in the Lord. Know that at the impulse of divine charity and for the safety of my soul and those of all my ancestors and successors I have granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the prior and convent of either sex of the house of Bullington in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all worldly service and earthly exaction, whatever they have of my fee without any reservation in the village and territory of Ingham of whosesoever gift, with all homages, reliefs, services, escheats, and with all its other profits and free customs. To hold and to have all and singular the premises in pure and perpetual alms for ever, so that neither I nor my heirs nor anyone in our name can by any reason or plea exact any right or claim, homage or relief, or any worldly service or demand in respect of the aforesaid tenement for ever. Moreover I William and my heirs will acquit and defend all and singular the premises from all matters and exactions, suits of

exaccionibus sectis curiarum et demandis et de omnimodis seruiciis et occasionibus que casu aliquo poterunt euenire contra dominum regem et contra omnes homines et feminas imperpetuum . excepta una dimidia marca tantum . quam dicti prior et conuentus de Bolyngtona annuatim reddent per manus suas ad wardam Lancastrie pro dicto feodo . Ut igitur hec mea concessio et confirmacio firma et stabilis imperpetuum perseueret . presenti scripto sigilli mei apposui impressionem . Hiis testibus domino Willelmo de Gray tunc vicecomite Lincolnie Roberto de Remmestona tunc subuicecomite Lincolnie Roberto de Mistertona Galfrido filio militis de Hackethorne Galfrido filio Alexandri de eadem Radulfo de Ingham clerico Rogero de Wysebeche de Philingham Roberto le Breton de Ellesham.

[25] Hec est conuencio inter sanctimoniales de Bolyngtona et Benedictum de Lincolnia et Murielem que fuit uxor Hugonis Pumfol . videlicet quod predicte sanctimoniales tenebunt de predicto Benedicto et Muriele uxore sua totam terram suam et redditum quod habent in Neuetune et in Tofte cum omnibus pertinenciis suis sine aliquo retinemento . reddendo singulis annis Benedicto et Murieli ad mediam quadragesimam viginti solidos pro omnibus seruiciis et exaccionibus que ad eos pertinent cunctis diebus vite Murielis . Et sanctimoniales faciant forinsecum seruicium . Et pro hac conuencione et concessione que incipit anno millesimo c^mo^. viii^o^. iiii^o^. [*sic*] incarnacionis domini predicte sanctimoniales dederunt Benedicto et Murieli pre manibus redditum duorum annorum primorum . Et huius conuencionis est Philippus de Kyme et Simon filius eius plegius et testis ex utraque parte . Ita quod Benedictus nec Muriel nec heredes sui aliquam habeant reclamacionem huius terre vel redditus post dies Murielis . Testes Ricardus canonicus Lincoln*iensis* Thomas filius Willelmi Willelmus de Kyme et Philippus frater eius.

[26] Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quorum noticiam hoc presens scriptum pervenerit . Radulfus filius domini Rogeri de Trehamtona militis ⁝ salutem in domino . Noueritis me pro salute anime mee antecessorum et heredum meorum concessisse et confirmasse deo et beate Marie priori et conuentui utriusque sexus domus de Bolyngtona et eorum successoribus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam illam placeam prati in marisco de le le [*sic*] cum pertinenciis suis quam habent ex dono antecessorum de Kyma de feodo meo cum omni longitudine et latitudine sua ut patet per bundas et metas per me in presencia legalium virorum bundatas .

courts, and demands, and from all manner of services and incidents which by any chance can arise, against the lord king and against all men and women for ever, saving one half mark only which the said prior and convent of Bullington shall render yearly by their hands to castle guard of Lancaster for the said fee. That this my grant and confirmation may remain firm and stable for ever I have set the impression of my seal to the present writing. [*1261–1267.*]

[24] Original Charter (Harl. Chart. 48 I 51). Grant by Alexander de Crevequer to the nuns of Bullington of 40 acres of arable, ten acres of meadow, and two acres for a dwelling in Hackthorn, and of various specified parcels of land and meadow, with the site of a mill, in Redbourne. Printed in *Danelaw Charters*, no. 96. [*Early Henry II.*]

[25] This is the agreement between the nuns of Bullington and Benedict of Lincoln and Muriel widow of Hugh Pumfol, namely, that the aforesaid nuns shall hold all their land and rent which they have in Newton and Toft with all its appurtenances without any reservation, of the aforesaid Benedict and Muriel his wife, rendering each year to Benedict and Muriel as long as Muriel shall live twenty shillings at the middle of Lent for all services and exactions which belong to them. And the nuns shall do forinsec service. And for this agreement and grant which begins in the year of the incarnation of the Lord [1] the aforesaid nuns have given to Benedict and Muriel the rent of the two first years in hand. And Philip of Kyme and Simon his son are pledge and witnesse on behalf of each party. So that neither Benedict nor Muriel nor their heirs shall have any claim to this land or rent after Muriel's death.

[1] There is, unhappily, no means of correcting the inaccurate date in the text. It cannot be intended for 1194, as Phillip of Kyme was dead by then. The witnesses suggest a date after the middle of Henry II's reign. 1174 and 1184 are each possible dates, but the latter is much more likely.

[26] To all the sons of holy mother church to whose notice the present writing shall come Ralf son of sir Roger de Trehamton, knight, sends greeting in the Lord. Know that for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors and heirs I have granted and confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the prior and convent of either sex of the house of Bullington and their successors all that plot of meadow in the marsh of Lea with its appurtenances which they have of my fee by the gift of the ancestors of [the lords of] Kyme, with all its length and breadth as appears by the metes and bounds set by me in the presence of lawful men, to

Habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis libere quiete in puram et perpetuam elemosinam bene et in pace sine aliqua diminucione imperpetuum . Preterea concessi eisdem religiosis et eorum successoribus pro me et heredibus meis de cetero per hoc scriptum ut libere possint illam placeam prati falcare leuare et pro voluntate sua cariare post tercium diem postquam dominus manerii de le Le [*sic*] incepit prata sua in eadem marisco falcare . Ita quidem quod sint quieti de omni pontagio passagio et de omnibus demandis cum liberò introitu et exitu sine aliqua contradiccione vel impedimento ianue clausure fossati vel serure vel alicuius alii perturbacionis mei vel heredum meorum . Et ego dictus Radulfus et heredes mei vel assignati dictam placeam prati cum pertinenciis suis sicut predictum est dictis religiosis et eorum successoribus cum libero introitu et exitu in forma supradicta contra omnes homines et de omnibus warantizabimus defendemus acquietabimus imperpetuum . salvo tamen homagio et seruicio domini de Kyma . ẽt heredum suorum si que debuerint michi et heredibus meis pro predicto tenemento . In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum est appensum . Hiis testibus . domino Johanne Dyue Alano de Conighisholm Johanne de Bray Henrico de Baeus militibus Johanne de Crosholm Alano de Reyteby Stephano Burdeth et aliis.

have and to hold to them and their successors freely and quietly in pure and perpetual alms well and in peace without any diminution for ever. Moreover I have granted to the same religious and their successors for me and my heirs in future by this writing that they may freely mow and lead that plot of meadow at their will after the third day after the lord of the manor of Lea begins to mow his meadows in the same marsh, so that they be quit of all pontage, passage, and all demands, with free entry and exit without any contradiction or impediment by reason of gate, enclosure, ditch, or hedge, or any other inconvenience on the part of me or my heirs. And I the said Ralf and my heirs or assigns will warrant, defend, and acquit for ever to the said religious and their successors the said plot of meadow with its appurtenances as is aforesaid, with free entry and exit in form aforesaid, against all men and from all things, saving only the homage and service of the lord of Kyme, and his heirs, if they shall owe such to me for the aforesaid tenement. In witness whereof my seal is appended to the present writing. [*Late Henry III.*]

Alvingham Priory

The Alvingham cartulary in the Bodleian Library [Laud MS., 642] contains thirteenth century copies of all except one of the charters which follow. The charters are entered in the cartulary on the folios specified in the table on the opposite page. The numbers enclosed within brackets indicate the position of the several charters in the folios on which they are copied.

[1] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam futuris quam presentibus Johannes filius Petri de Melsa . salutem Sciatis me dedisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Aluyngham et sanctimonialibus ibi deo seruientibus et fratribus earum totam mansuram meam in Aluyngham cum mansura illa quam Tinghi tenuit del west virgulti mei et cum mansura quam Ailwardus tenuit et ipsum meum virgultum et totum demenium meum in Aluyngham et in Cokeryngtona tam in terra arabili quam in pratis et mariscis et pascuis et pasturis et in omnibus ad predictum demenium pertinentibus cum omnibus libertatibus exceptis hominibus meis cum toftis suis et terris ipsorum scilicet decem et octo bouatis et dimidia sicut in illo die tenuerunt quo hanc elemosinam predictis monialibus dedi Hec omnia ego Johannes et heredes mei assensu et concessione patris mei Petri et matris mee Beatricis et ceterorum amicorum meorum fecimus et hanc predictam elemosinam de demenio nostro warentizabimus [*sic*] et acquietabimus eisdem monialibus de omni seruicio et consuetudine et seculari exaccione erga regem et dominos et omnes homines imperpetuum et heredes nostri post nos sicut aliqua elemosina melius et liberius quibuslibet viris religiosis warantizari potest Hanc vero donacionem et confirmacionem factam in anno incarnacionis domini M° C° lxxxii° ego ipse Johannes acquietare et

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No. 1.	Laud MS., 642	f. 10 (no. 4).
No. 2.	,, ,,	f. 10 (no. 1).
No. 3.	,, ,,	f. 60 (no. 1).
No. 4.	,, ,,	f. 12b (no. 2).
No. 5.	,, ,,	f. 136 (no. 1).
No. 6.	,, ,,	f. 123b (no. 4).
No. 7.	,, ,,	f. 122 (no. 2).
No. 8.	,, ,,	f. 96 (no. 1).
No. 9.	,, ,,	f. 95b (no. 5).
No. 10.	,, ,,	f. 143b (no. 4).
No. 11.	,, ,,	f. 142 (no. 3).
No. 12.	,, ,,	f. 161b (no. 5).
No. 13.	,, ,,	f. 167 (no. 4).
No. 14.	,, ,,	f. 167 (no. 6).
No. 15.	,, ,,	f. 150 (no. 1).
No. 16.	,, ,,	f. 164 (no. 1).
No. 17.	,, ,,	f. 164 (no. 3).
No. 18.		Not entered.
No. 19.	Laud MS., 642	f. 165 (no. 2).
No. 20.	,, ,,	f. 164 (no. 4).

[1] To all the sons of holy mother church as well future as present John son of Peter of Meaux sends greeting. Know that I have given and by this present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and the church of St. Mary of Alvingham and the nuns serving God there and their brethren, all my messuage in Alvingham with that messuage which Tinghi held on the west of my holt, and with the messuage which Ailward held, and my holt itself and all my demesne in Alvingham and in Cockerington as well in arable land as in meadows and marshes and pastures and feedings and in all things belonging to the aforesaid demesne with all liberties, except my men with their tofts and lands, namely eighteen bovates and a half as they held on that day when I gave this alms to the aforesaid nuns. I, John, have done all these things with the assent and by the grant of Peter my father and Beatrice my mother and my other friends, and we will warrant and acquit this aforesaid alms from our demesne to the same nuns from all service and custom and worldly exaction against the king and the lords and all men for ever, and our heirs after us, as any alms can best and most freely be warranted to any religious men. Moreover I, John, myself have pledged my faith in the hand of Jukel of Yarburgh to acquit and defend this gift and confirmation made in the year of the incarnation of the Lord 1182, before these witnesses . . . . . [*1182.*]

defendere affidaui in manu Jukel de Jerdburgha coram hiis testibus magistro Rodberto de Lekeburna Reginaldo decano de Coueham Gileberto clerico de Beseby Ricardo clerico de Thahewella Folcone Rybalt Rodberto de Ormesby Waltero de Grymesby et Rogero filio eius Radulfo filio Brienni de Weltona Galphrido de Kadyngtona Simone et Thoma fratre eius de Luda Ricardo famulo domini Lamberti de Scotenni et Alano de Malberthorp et Johanne de Aluyngham.

[2] Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Hamelinus decanus assensu et consilio heredum meorum dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Aluyngham et sanctimonialibus ibidem deo seruientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam possidendam totam partem ecclesie sancti Adelwodi de Aluyngham que pertinet ad terram quam teneo de feudo comitis Britannie in eadem villa scilicet tres partes eiusdem ecclesie cum omnibus pertinenciis suis Hanc elemosinam ego et heredes mei contra omnes gentes warantizabimus Quartam vero partem eiusdem ecclesie (tenent) prescripte sanctimoniales de donacione Rogeri filii Gocelini per concessum meum qui aliquo tempore persona eiusdem ecclesie extiterim set dimissionem personatus in manu Roberti de Chenei Lincolnien*sis* episcopi feci Facta dimissione pontifex memoratus sanctimoniales predictas de prefata ecclesia cum pertinenciis suis integre et plenarie inuestiuit in capitulo de Sempyngham Huius rei testes sunt Robertus archidiaconus Linc*olnie* et Rogerus frater eius Robertus capellanus magister Johannes magister Robertus Scrope Ricardus frater decani Galphridus de Wythecalla Gilbertus de Beseby Hugo de Hallei Reginaldus sacerdos Johannes de Cunyngesholme et Hugo de Richebroke et Dauid frater eius Osbertus sacerdos de Saltfletby et Robertus magister Robertus de Suine Thomas de Brachenbergha.

[3] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Hugo de Scoteni salutem Sciatis me assensu et consilio Lamberti filii mei et Berte sponse mee dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate virgini Marie et conuentui de Aluyngham terciam partem quam habebam in ecclesia beate Marie constituta in illo loco ubi idem conuentus manet cum omnibus pertinenciis et terras uniuersas quas homines mei de feudo meo eidem ecclesie et ecclesie sancti Leonardi et ecclesie sancte Margarete in elemosinam dederunt Dedi eciam prenominato conuentui ecclesiam de Coryngtona quam Vitalis sacerdos in vita sua tenuit et unam bouatam terre in territorio de Coryngtona cum omnibus suis pertinenciis Preterea dedi eis molendinum cum filia mea quod vulgo vocatur Wramilna cum crofto adiacenti eidem molendino et cum xii acris terre in campis de Coryngtona . Hec omnia superdicta dedimus et confirmauimus ego Hugo et Lambertus filius meus et Berta sponsa mea prememorato conuentui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro

[2] Let all as well future as present know that I, Hamelin the dean, with the assent and counsel of my heirs, have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the church of St. Mary of Alvingham and the nuns serving God there, to possess in pure and perpetual alms, all that part of the church of St. Adelwold of Alvingham which belongs to the land which I hold of the fee of the count of Brittany in the same village, namely three parts of the same church, with all its appurtenances. This alms I and my heirs will warrant against all peoples. Moreover the aforewritten nuns hold the fourth part of the same church by the gift of Roger son of Gocelin, with the consent of me, who for some time was *persona* of the same church, but resigned the *personatus* in the hand of Robert de Chenei, bishop of Lincoln. Upon my resignation the aforesaid bishop invested the aforesaid nuns in the aforesaid church with its appurtenances, fully and completely, in the chapter of Sempringham. [*Circa 1155.*]

[3] To all the sons of holy mother church present and future Hugh de Scoteni sends greeting. Know that with the assent and counsel of Lambert my son and Bertha my wife I have given and by this my present charter confirmed to God and the blessed virgin Mary and the convent of Alvingham the third part which I had in the church of the blessed Mary built in the place where the same convent dwells with all its appurtenances, and all the lands which my men of my fee have given in alms to the same church and the church of St. Leonard and the church of St. Margaret. I have also given to the aforenamed convent the church of Cockerington which Vitalis the priest held in his life, and one bovate of land in the territory of Cockerington with all its appurtenances. Moreover I have given them, with my daughter, a mill which is commonly called Wramilne with a croft adjoining the same mill and with twelve acres of land in the fields of Cockerington. I, Hugh, and Lambert my son and Bertha my wife have given and confirmed all the aforesaid

salute animarum nostrarum et omnium parentum nostrorum in capitulo matricis ecclesie Lincoln*iensis* in presencia Roberti episcopi Dauit archidiaconi de Bukyngham Humfridi subdecani Willelmo [*sic*] Osberti archidiacono filio [*sic*][1] Alexandro canonico Wigero et Rogero canonicis Gerardo canonico et aliis multis.

[4] Notum sit omnibus legentibus et audientibus literas has quod ego Willelmus de Fristonnia pro amore dei et pro redemptione anime mee et omnium parentum meorum concessi et donaui ecclesiam sancte Marie de Aluyngham sanctimonialibus ibidem in sancta religione deo seruientibus in elemosinam et quinque toftas in eadem villa et quatuor bouatas terre et dimidiam et molendinum quod fuit Hosgoto filio Burghardi et omnes apenticias que pertinent ad eandem ecclesiam Hanc donacionem dedi predictis ancillis dei cum concessione uxoris mee et omnium heredum meorum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam et ab omni terreno seruicio possidendam Huius itaque donacionis testes sunt Geruasius abbas de Parcho Lude Radulfus prior Prior de Ponte fracto et totus conuentus Gino sacerdos de Kedyngtona Gilbertus presbiter Hugo presbiter Bricius clericus Gaufridus presbiter Gaufridus de Kedyngtona Druwardus miles de Federstan Alanus frater meus Willelmus auunculus meus Frewinus Jadricus filius Frewini Hugo filius Walteri Osbertus filius Ansgoti Germanus Gilbertus filius Swani.

[5] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Amfredus de Lekeburne[1] salutem. Sciatis me consensu et concessione uxoris mee et Willelmi filii mei et omnium heredum meorum concessisse et dedisse et hac carta mea confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sanctimonialibus et fratribus eorum [*sic*] deo et beate Marie seruientibus in Aluyngham cum filia mea ecclesiam sancte Helene de Calthorpe cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et ad ampliandum locum in structuram domorum fratrum qui ibi mansuri sunt dedi unam acram terre iacentem in orientali et aquiloni [*sic*] parte prefate ecclesie et pertingentem usque ad aquam et usque ad curiam Baldrici contra orientem in longitudine et totam terram in australi parte ecclesie plenarie usque ad stratam publicam ville cum omnibus fontibus ibidem ebullientibus et arboribus infra predictas terminos constitutis Preter hec dedi eis unam bouatam terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et cum duabus acris prati et dimidia et duas acras bosci in Tolescale et toftum quod fuit Stepi et terram Ailwardi que est iuxta idem toftum in australi parte quantum ibi habuit et totam terram quam homines mei eidem ecclesie dederunt et totam terram que iacet inter Ierleshake et boscum de Kalthorpe et culturam que vocatur Deryauit et communem pasturam quantum ad tenuram meam et feodum pertinet in campis de Lekeburne et Calthorpe ad oues et animalia fratrum ibi degencium cum libero exitu et introitu ad pasturam ex utraque parte prefatarum villarum Ego vero

things to the aforenamed convent in pure and perpetual alms for the safety of our souls and those of all our kin, in the chapter house of the mother church of Lincoln in the presence of Robert the bishop . . . . . [*Circa 1155.*]

[1] William the archdeacon son of Osbert is a frequent witness to charters of this period.

[4] Be it known to all reading and hearing these letters that I, William de Fristonnia, for the love of God and for the redemption of my soul and the souls of all my kin, have granted and given in alms the church of St. Mary of Alvingham to the nuns serving God there in holy religion, and five tofts in the same village and four bovates and a half of land and the mill which was Hosgot son of Burghard's, and all the appurtenances which belong to the same church. I have given this gift to the aforesaid servants of God with the consent of my wife and of all my heirs, to possess in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit and immune from all earthly service. [*Circa 1150.*]

[5] To all the sons of holy mother church Amfred of Legbourne sends greeting. Know that with the consent and agreement of my wife and William my son and all my heirs I have granted and given and by this my charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to the nuns and their brethren serving God and blessed Mary in Alvingham, with my daughter, the church of saint Helen of Cawthorpe with all its appurtenances, and to enlarge a place for building the houses of the brethren who shall dwell there I have given one acre of land lying on the east and north sides of the aforesaid church and stretching to the water and to Baldric's court towards the east in length, and all the land on the south side of the church, fully, as far as the public street of the village, with all the springs rising there and with the trees set within the aforesaid boundaries. In addition to these things I have given them one bovate of land with all its appurtenances and with two and a half acres of meadow, and two acres of wood in Tolescale and the toft which was Stepi's, and Ailward's land which is next the same toft on the south side, as much as he had there, and all the land which my men have given to the same church, and all the land which lies between Ierleshake and the wood of Cawthorpe, and the *cultura* which is called Deryauit, and so much common pasture as belongs to my tenure and fee in the fields of Legbourne and Cawthorpe for the sheep and animals of the brethren dwelling there with free exit and entry to the pasture on

Amfredus et heredes mei post me perpetuo hec omnia prescripta predictis monialibus et fratribus manutenebimus et warantizabimus et adquietabimus pro omni seruicio terreno et exaccione erga regem et comitem et omnes homines pro salute animarum nostrarum et omnium antecessorum nostrorum in puram et specialem elemosinam nostram Hiis testibus Geruasio abbate de Parcho et monachis suis Roberto decano del Alnei Ranulpho sacerdote de Lekeburne Thoraldo decano de Thathewella Hosberto sacerdote de Coryngtona Rogero sacerdote de Thotila Rogero sacerdote de Wierna Simone filio Willelmi et Umfredo nepote eius Jollano et Ricardo fratre eius Roberto filio Gilberti Gilberto de Millay Thoraldo de Manby Reginaldo canonico de Lekeburne Waltero sacerdote eiusdem ville Galfrido sacerdote Ricardo clerico de Manneby Hamelino decano de Jertheburgha Radulfo de Millay Adelardo de Werres Baldredo fratre Amfredi Rogero socero eius Gimero de Kale*thorpe* et Roberto eiusdem ville.

[6] Cunctis Christi fidelibus Rogerus de Merlei salutem Nouerit caritas vestra me concessisse et dedisse cenobio sancte Marie de Aluyngham imperpetuum totam mansuram dominii mei in Chedyntunian [*sic*] cum virgulto meo excepta illa porcione quam Ordmerus homo meus tenet de me Hanc donacionem feci eidem cenobio liberam et quietam ab omni seruicio pro anima patris mei et salutem anime mee et uxoris mee in perpetuam elemosinam possidendam. Testibus Gilberto canonico de Thornholm magistro Stephano Hugone de Haldei Radulfo sacerdote de Choryngtona Hamelino clerico Rodbertode Pormort Gichel Randulpho de Brachenberge Iuone delmareis.

[7] Episcopo Lincoln*iensi* et omni capitulo sancte Marie Gaufridus filius Roberti de Chedintuna ¶ salutem Notum vobis facio quod ego consilio et concessione et assensu heredum meorum et omnium amicorum meorum concessi et hac carta confirmaui pro salute anime mee et patris et matris mee et omnium parentum meorum sanctimonialibus de Aluyngham ecclesiam de Chedingtuna cum omnibus[1] apenticiis [*sic*] suis et totam terram que fuit Thurchil quam pater meus concessit ei pro suo seruicio cum omnibus suis adiacenciis et communem pasturam tocius terre mee et communes introitus et communes exitus et communes aquas Hec suprascripta concessi eis in puram elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni terreno seruicio et terreno dono imperpetuum de me et de meis heredibus sine omni calumpnia possidendam Huius concessionis et confirmacionis hii sunt testes Robertus filius Willelmi de Chedintuna Fulco Rybalt Humfridus constabilarius [*sic*] Willelmus filius Anfridi [*sic*] Eustacius de Kateby Hernisius de Thedilthorpe Robertus filius Willelmi de Asfortby Germanus capellanus de Aluyngham Elfredus pelliparius Ricardus Cusyn Ricardus filius Swein de Netilham Gilbertus de Thetfort.

either side of the aforesaid villages. Moreover, I Amfred, and my heirs after me will maintain and warrant and acquit for ever all the aforewritten things to the aforesaid nuns and brethren from all earthly service and exaction against the king and the earl and all men for the safety of our souls and those of all our ancestors as our pure and special alms. [*Circa 1150.*]

[6] To all the faithful of Christ Roger de Merlei sends greeting. Let your charity know that I have given to the convent of St. Mary of Alvingham for ever the whole *mansura* of my demesne in Kedington with my holt, saving that part which Ordmer my man holds of me. I have made this gift to the same convent free and quit from all service for the soul of my father and for the safety of my soul and that of my wife, to possess in perpetual alms. [*Early Henry II.*]

[7] To the bishop of Lincoln and all the chapter of St. Mary Geoffrey son of Robert of Keddington sends greeting. I make known to you that with the counsel and by the grant and with the assent of my heirs and all my friends, for the safety of my soul and that of my father and mother and the souls of all my kin, I have granted and by this charter confirmed to the nuns of Alvingham the church of Keddington with all its appurtances, and all the land which was Thurchil's, which my father granted him for his service, with all its appurtenances, and common pasture of all my land and common entries and common exits and common waters. All the above-written things I have granted to them to possess for ever undisputed in pure alms, free and quit of all earthly service and earthly gift from me and my heirs. [*Early Henry II.*]

[1] *omnibus* repeated.

[8] Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Brienus filius Hamelini decani salutem Quoniam bonorum filiorum et heredum esse solet predecessorum dona racionabilia et maxime intuitu pietatis religioni collata rata et grata habere hac carta uniuersitati vestre dignum duxi exprimere me intuitu diuini amoris consilio et assensu uxoris mee Custancie et heredum meorum et amicorum confirmasse deo et beate virgini Marie et conuentui de Aluyngham omnia que pater meus Hamelinus decanus eidem conuentui contulit in vita sua et cartis suis confirmauit Ex quibus hec propriis nominibus volo demonstrare videlicet in Aluyngham toftum Biliald et toftum Walteri Pa et terram quam Osbertus filius Asgoti [tenuit] cum quodam tofto quod fuit Osberti Hac et cum quodam prato adiacente virgulti monialium ex australi parte cum omnibus aliis toftis et croftis predicto conuentui de feudo meo collatis in Germundthorpe vero mansuram quandam que fuit Angeri filii Stan' ex occidentali [parte] de Gryp' eiusdem ville et unam salinam cum sabulario et ceteris pertinentiis quam Angerus de Ludena tenuit et totam terram in longitudine et latitudine ad feudum meum pertinentem que iacet inter Hafdyc et salinam quam prenominatus conuentus in elemosinam possidet et totam terram quam Azo tenuit pro seruicio vi denariorum videlicet duos selliones del sud parte de Gaterum inter terram Rogeri Broclaus et terram de Alchigtuna occurrentes prato Arnaldi . et tres selliones extendentes de eodem Gaterum usque ad Sandwad' in longitudine et in latitudine inter terram que fuit Tobie et terram de Alchigtuna Et sabularium quod idem Azo tenuit adiacens et extendens ex autrali [*sic*] parte salinarum Ketelli et Ulfkelli eciam quatuordecim acras prati in orientali [parte] de Waterlesdale Preterea totum toftum cum pertinenciis quod fuit Maisand del sud parte ecclesie de Germundthorpe et toftum quod fuit Angeri filii Aldebruc et toftum quod fuit Ulfkelli Fesewald' ex orientali parte ecclesie prenominate cum antiquo exitu iacente inter toftum quod fuit Maisand et toftum quod fuit Broclaus west et est et cum excercitu [*sic*] inter cimiterium et toftum quod fuit Wlfkelli Feisewald' nord et sud et toftum quod fuit Broclaus propinquus [*sic*] ex occidentali parte ecclesie cum toto augmento quod pater meus de Baldrico acquisiuit et in Newcroft quatuor acras terre propinquiores de Sandwad Confirmo eciam iam sepe prefato conuentui comune iter per totum feudum ad utilitatem et oportunitatem illorum sine impedimento mei et meorum Hec omnia ego Brienus et heredes mei warantizabimus erga omnes homines de omnibus conuentui de Aluyngham . fide nostra interposita mei et uxoris mee Constancie et tacto sancto altare beate Marie ut hec [rata et intemerata[1]] maneant imperpetuum Hiis testibus Odone Galle Roberto capellano de Corintona Ricardo capellano de Aluyngham Ricardo filio Roberti Rogero de Aisterby Jordano de Brankenbergh [*sic*] Johanne fabro Coste Rogero Vauasur Rogero nepote domini Willelmo filio Eustachii Roberto Haketh Johanne filio Dued Swain filio Galfridi.

[8] To all the sons of holy mother church Brian son of Hamelin the dean sends greeting. Since it is the part of good sons and heirs to confirm and approve the reasonable gifts of their predecessors, and especially those granted to religion at the impulse of piety, I have thought fit by this charter to make known to the whole body of you that at the impulse of divine love and with the counsel and assent of my wife Constance and my heirs and friends I have confirmed to God and the blessed Virgin Mary and the convent of Alvingham whatever Hamelin the dean, my father, granted to the same convent in his life and confirmed by his charters. Among which I wish to enumerate these things specifically :—in Alvingham, Biliald's toft and Walter Pa's toft and the land which Osbert son of Asgot held, with a certain toft which was Osbert Hac's and with a certain meadow adjoining the nuns' holt on the south side, with all other tofts and crofts granted from my fee to the aforesaid convent ; in Grainthorpe, a certain dwelling which was Anger son of Stan's on the west side of the 'gryp' of the same village, and one saltpan with its sand and other appurtenances which Anger of Ludney held, and all the land in length and breadth belonging to my fee which lies between Hafdic and the saltpan which the aforenamed convent possesses in alms, and all the land which Azo held for the service of sixpence, namely two selions on the south side of Gaterum between the land of Roger Broclaus and the land of Elkington, abutting on Arnald's meadow, and three selions stretching from the same Gaterum to Sandwad in length and in breadth between the land which was Tobias' and the land of Elkington, and the sand which the same Azo held adjoining and stretching on the south side of Ketell's and Ulfkell's saltpans, also fourteen acres of meadow on the east side of Waterlesdale, also, the whole toft with appurtenances which was Maisand's on the south side of the church of Grainthorpe, and the toft which was Anger son of Aldeburc's and the toft which was Ulfkell Fesewald's on the east side of the aforenamed church with the old exit lying between the toft which was Maisand's and the toft which was Broclaus west and east and with the exit between the churchyard and the toft which was Ulfkell Feisewald's north and south, and the toft which was Broclaus' next to the church on the west side, with all the enlargement which my father acquired from Baldric, and four acres of land in Newcroft next to Sandwad. I also confirm to the often aforesaid convent a common way through all my fee for their use and convenience without hindrance of me and mine. All these things I, Brian, and my heirs will warrant to the convent of Alvingham against all men from all things, I and Constance my wife having pledged our faith and touched the holy altar of blessed Mary that these things may remain established and inviolate for ever. [*Richard I.*]

[1] These words, which are illegible in the roll, have been supplied from Laud MS., f. 96.

[9] Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Hamelinus dudum decanus concessione et assensu heredum meorum dedi et concessi et hac carta mea confirmaui deo et beate virgini Marie et monialibus de Aluyngham que ibidem dei seruicio assistunt quando me ipsum in prefata domo reddidi ad seruiendum deo omnibus diebus vite mee in puram et perpetuam elemosinam toftum meum quod fuit Moysent del sud parte de ecclesia de Germunthorp et toftum quod fuit Angeri filii Aldeburgh et toftum quod fuit Ulfkele [*sic*] Feisewalde ex orientali parte de ecclesia prenominata cum antiquo exitu iacente inter toftum Moysent et toftum quod fuit Broclaus west et est et cum exitu inter cimiterium et toftum quod fuit Ulfkeli Feisewald nord et sud et croftum quod fuit Rogeri Broclaus propinquius ex occidentali parte de ecclesia prenominata cum toto augmento [quod] de Baldrico acquisiui et in Newcroft quatuor acras prati propinquiores Sandwat libere et quiete ab omni terreno seruicio et exaccione sicut aliqua elemosina liberius dari potest alicui Hanc vero donacionem et concessionem heredes mei warantizabunt imperpetuum contra omnes homines predicte domui Hiis testibus Reginaldo priore de Couenham Thoma priore de Ormesby et Hugone de Haseley et Hugone filio eius et Hamelino decano fratre predicti Hamelini Thoma de Beuerlaico Radulfo capellano de Gereburg Gilberto capellano de Foulestow et filiis predicti Hamelini Brienno Willelmo Roberto Johanne Galfrido.

[10] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Lambertus de Scoteneia ‡ salutem Quoniam deo gratum credimus in hiis que racioni et anime saluti conueniunt peticioni fidelium congruum prebere assensum consilio et assensu sponce [*sic*] mee Sibille et heredum meorum consciencia pariter et concessione viri venerabilis Hugonis Lincolniensis episcopi dedi duas partes ecclesie sancti Andree de Stayntona cum omnibus pertinenciis suis deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Aluyngham et fratribus earum clericis et laicis ut eas habeant et teneant ad proprios usus imperpetuum sicut puram et specialem elemosinam nostram Et ne quis hanc donacionem meam reuocare vel infirmare valeat eas duas partes prenominate ecclesie presenti carta mea et sigillo confirmaui et bonorum virorum testimonio corroboraui pro salute mea et sponse mee Sibille et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum ita libere sicut aliqua elemosina liberius datur et possidetur a religiosis Hiis testibus Roberto de Hardres Hamelino decano de Couenham Waltero de Scoteney Hugone de Scoteney Gilberto Crob' Radulfo de Cotyngham Ada Rahert Alano de Malberthorpe Ada de Donightona Radulfo Briche de Licur Henrico Stainbin Ricardo clerico de Aluyngham.

[11] Uniuersis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens carta peruenerit Willelmus Lungespe comes Salebiri [salutem] in domino Noueritis uniuersi me diuini amoris intuitu et pro salute anime [mee] et Ele comitisse mee et pro salute anime et [*sic*] venerabilis

[9] Let present and future know that I, Hamelin, lately dean, with the consent and assent of my heirs, have given and granted and by this my charter confirmed to God and the blessed Virgin Mary and the nuns of Alvingham who attend the service of God there, at that time when I surrendered myself to the aforesaid house to serve God there all the days of my life, in pure and perpetual alms, my toft which was Moysent's on the south side of the church of Grainthorpe, and the toft which was Anger son of Aldeburgh's, and the toft which was Ulfkell Feisewald's on the east side of the aforenamed church with the ancient exit lying between Moysent's toft and the toft which was Broclaus' west and east, and with the exit between the churchyard and the toft which was Ulfkell Feisewald's north and south, and the croft which was Roger Broclaus' next to the aforenamed church on the west with all the enlargement which I have acquired from Baldric, and four acres of meadow in Newcroft next Sandwat, free and quit from all earthly service and exaction as any alms can most freely be given to anyone. Moreover my heirs will warrant this gift and grant to the aforesaid house against all men for ever. [*Mid Henry II.*]

[10] To all the sons of holy mother church present and future Lambert de Scoteneia sends greeting. Since we believe it pleasing to God to give a becoming assent to the request of the faithful touching those matters which are agreeable to reason and the health of the soul, with the counsel and assent of Sibyl my wife and my heirs, also with the knowledge and consent of the venerable man, Hugh bishop of Lincoln, I have given two parts of the church of St. Andrew of Stainton with all their appurtenances to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Alvingham and their brethren, clerk and lay, that they may have and hold them for their own uses for ever as our pure and especial alms. And lest anyone shall be able to revoke or invalidate this my gift I have confirmed these two parts of the aforenamed church by my present charter and seal, and have ratified them by the testimony of good men, for my safety and that of Sibyl my wife and for the souls of my father and mother and all my ancestors, as freely as any alms is most freely given to the religious or possessed by them. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[11] To all the faithful of Christ to whom the present charter shall come William Lungespe, earl of Salisbury, sends greeting in the Lord. Let the whole body of you know that at the impulse of divine love and for the safety of my soul and that of my venerable father,

patris mei regis Henrici secundi et omnium predecessorum et successorum meorum dedisse et concessisse [et] hac presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Aluyngham in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni exaccione et seculari seruicio quatuor bouatas terre in territorio medie Rasen et quimque [*sic*] tofta in eadem villa de Rasen cum omnibus pertinenciis et cum hominibus in eisdem toftis residentibus . et cum omnibus illorum sequelis et catallis sine aliquo retenemento [*sic*] videlicet illas quatuor bouatas terre et illa quinque tofta cum omnibus pertinenciis suis que Simon de Bacley michi dedit et carta sua confirmauit Habendum et tenendum de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum libere quiete pacifice honorifice et integre in pratis in pascuis in viis in semitis in omnibus communibus in omnibus locis et in omnibus libertatibus predicte terre et predictis toftis pertinentibus vel que ad illa possint pertinere infra villam et extra Has autem quatuor prefatas bouatas terre et hec quinque predicta tofta cum pertinenciis ego predictus Willelmus comes specialiter dedi et expressius assignaui specialissimis michi in Christo sanctimonialibus predicti conuentus ita ut annuus tocius predicti tenementi redditus et omnis inde profectus in camisiis lineis emendis ad usus earundem annuatim ad festum sancti Botulphi in perhennem mei meorumque memoriam fideliter expendantur Ego vero predictus comes Willelmus et heredes mei warantizabimus predicto conuentui de Aluyngham totam predictam terram et omnia predicta tofta cum omnibus pertinenciis contra omnes gentes . Et ut hec mea donacio concessio et warantizacio rate et firme permaneant imperpetuum presentem cartam sigilli mei apposicione roboraui Hiis testibus Rogero Pigoto iuniore Roberto de Burgate Willelmo Talebot Herberto de Montibus Galfrido de Insula Petro de Kenet Johanne Bonet vicecomite Lincolne Matheo clerico de Alta ripa Baldewino et Galfrido de Hatfelda clerico [*sic*] Thoma de Louent et multis aliis.

[12] Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentibus et futuris Thomas filius Thome Darci ? salutem Sciatis quod ego Thomas Darci consilio et assensu uxoris mee Johanne et heredum meorum dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et beate Marie et conuentui sanctimonialium ecclesie de Aluyngham et fratrum earum unam bouatam terre de dominico meo in Cunnygesby cum tofto et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in quo habitant et libero introitu et exitu sibi et aueriis suis ex aquilonali parte et australi de eadem mansione videlicet illam bouatam pro qua reddiderunt patri meo et michi quinque solidos per annum quos quietos eis perpetuo clamaui Dedi eciam eis aliam bouatam et confirmaui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus pertinenciis suis quam emi de Radulfo Pincun in eadem uilla et pasturam ad decies centum oues per

King Henry II, and that of all my predecessors and successors I have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Alvingham in pure and perpetual alms free and quit from all exaction and worldly service four bovates of land in the territory of Middle Rasen and five tofts in the same village of Rasen with all appurtenances and with the men dwelling in the same tofts and with all their issues and chattels without any reservation, namely those four bovates of land and those five tofts with all their appurtenances which Simon de Bacley gave and confirmed to me by his charter. To have and to hold of me and my heirs for ever freely, quietly, peaceably, honourably, and completely, in meadows, in feedings, in ways, in paths, in all commons, in all places, and in all liberties belonging or able to belong to the aforesaid land and tofts, within the village and without. Moreover I the aforesaid earl William have particularly given and expressly assigned these aforesaid four bovates of land and five tofts with all appurtenances to my especial in Christ the nuns of the said convent so that the yearly rent of all the aforesaid tenement and all its profits shall be faithfully expended in buying linen shifts for the uses of the same at the feast of St. Botulf yearly, to the eternal memory of me and mine. Moreover I the aforesaid earl William and my heirs will warrant all the aforesaid land and all the aforesaid things to the aforesaid convent of Alvingham against all peoples. And that this my gift, grant, and warranty may remain stable and firm for ever I have strengthened the present charter by the apposition of my seal. [*Circa 1218.*]

[12] To all the sons of holy mother church as well present as future Thomas son of Thomas d' Arci sends greeting. Know that I, Thomas d' Arci, with the counsel and assent of Joan my wife and my heirs, have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of the nuns of the church of Alvingham and their brethren, clerk and lay, one bovate of land of my demesne in Coneysby with a toft and with all its appurtenances in which they dwell and with free entry and exit for them and their plough beasts on the north and south sides of the same dwelling; namely that bovate for which they rendered yearly to my father and me five shillings, which I have quitclaimed to them for ever. I have also given and confirmed to them in pure and perpetual alms another bovate with all its appurtenances in the same village which I bought from Ralph Pincun, and pasture for a thousand sheep by the great

magnum centum in territorio utriusque partis eiusdem ville et maxime in brueria et ad viginti et septem animalia et duas equas et ad sexdecim porcos ita quod fetus predictorum animalium porcorumque remanebunt in pastura de Cunnygesby absque impedimento mei et meorum hominum usque ad festum sancti Martini confirmaui eciam eis duas bouatas terre in Cunygsby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus pertinenciis suis quas Radulfus Pincun eis dedit sicut carte eius testantur . Fideliter autem ego Thomas concessi prefatis monialibus et fratribus de Aluyngham quod nullum hominem attraam in territorio et pastura de Cunygesby ad detrimentum animalium et ouium in elemosinam que carta mea eis confirmaui Hec omnia prenominata ego Thomas et heredes mei warantizabimus et acquietabimus predictis monialibus et fratribus[1] sicut specialem elemosinam nostram pro salute nostra et pro animabus patris et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum erga regem et homines Hiis testibus Priore de Noketona et conuentui eiusdem loci Willelmo persona de Blancnoie Rogero persona de Hainmerd*e* [*sic*] Oliuero de Eincurt Willelmo de Eincurt Radulfo filio Walteri Ricardo de Ormesby Willelmo Berner Willelmo Urtquarter Galfrido filio Radulfi Henrico Ruffo de Waltham Alano clerico Hugone Ruffyn Ricardo de Rib' Thoma nepote Ricardi le Palmer Rogero de Westona Benedicto clerico teste capitulo Lincolniensi Winemero subdecano magistro Waltero Bludo [*sic*] Ricardo de Kyma Radulfo de Wirim magistro Rogero Petro Widone de Ver Rogero de Sciteswad Rogero Arsyc Willelmo Darci fratre Thome Darci Ricardo Cobo Willelmo Ruffo de Cunygesby.

[13] Cuntis Christi fidelibus tam presentibus quam futuris Reinerus de Waxtunesham ⁝ salutem Uniuersitati vestre notum facio me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carte mee testimonio confirmasse deo et beate Marie et sanctimonialibus de Aluyngham et fratribus earum deo seruientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram quam Willelmus le Volant dedit michi et concessit in villa sancti Botulfi et carta sua confirmauit scilicet xxxi pedum in latitudine versus forum a terra que fuit Arkilli versus viam ex parte orientis et in longitudine a via aquilonis usque ad viam austri Et predicte sanctimoniales et fratres prenominati reddent unoquoque anno ad feriam sancti Botulfi prefato Willelmo de [*sic*] Volant decem denarios pro omni seruicio ita quod per hos decem denarios unoquoque anno termino prescripto reddendos erunt prefate sanctimoniales et fratres predicti quieti de omnibus auxiliis et demandis et de omnibus aliis rebus Hiis testibus Thoma de Multona Gikello filio Alani Ricardo de Fenna Luca decano Riginaldo [*sic*] de Benyngtona Waltero Tytena Jordano filio Haleani [*sic*] Petro clerico Roberto le Curezun magistro Rogero Kernum Benedicto filio Rogeri Rogero Bachun Ricardo clerico de Leke Stephano filio Walteri Waltero Ribald Ricardo

hundred in the territory on either side of the same village and especially in the waste, and pasture for twenty-seven beasts and two mares and sixteen pigs so that the young of the aforesaid animals and pigs shall remain in the pasture of Coneysby without hindrance from me or my men until the feast of St. Martin. I have also confirmed to them in pure and perpetual alms two bovates of land in Coneysby with all their appurtenances which Ralf Pincun gave them, as his charters bear witness. Moreover I, Thomas, have faithfully granted to the said nuns and brethren of Alvingham that I will intrude no man into the territory and pasture of Coneysby to the detriment of the animals and sheep which I have confirmed to them in alms by my charter. All the aforesaid I Thomas and my heirs will warrant and acquit to the aforesaid nuns and brethren as our especial alms for our safety and for the souls of my father and my mother and all my ancestors against the king and all men. [*Late Henry II.*]

[1] *et fratribus* repeated.

[13] To all the faithful of Christ as well present as future Reiner of Waxham sends greeting. I make known to the whole body of you that I have given and granted and by the witness of my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the nuns of Alvingham and their brethren serving God, in pure and perpetual alms, all the land which William le Volant gave and granted and by his charter confirmed to me in the town of Boston, namely 31 feet in breadth towards the market place from the land which was Arkil's towards the way on the east side and in length from the northern to the southern way. And the aforesaid nuns and the aforenamed brethren shall render tenpence each year to the aforesaid William le Volant at Boston fair for all service, so that for these ten pence rendered each year at the aforewritten term the aforesaid nuns and brethren shall be quit of all aids and demands and all other things. [*Late twelfth century.*]

preposito Reginaldo Cote Alexandro Gernum magistro Petro de Guningham magistro Roberto de Ribergun Warino de Roluesby Johanne de Beuerlaico Waltero de Rudsteina Roberto de Bellius [*sic*].

[14] Sciant omnes presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus de [*sic*] Volant consilio et assensu Asceline uxoris mee et heredum meorum concessi et hac mea carta confirmaui deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Aluyngham in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam illam terram cum edificiis et cum omnibus pertinenciis in villa sancti Botulphi quam Reinerus de Waxtunesham eis dedit scilicet proximam terram terre illi qui [*sic*] fuit Arkilli versus viam ex parte orientis habentem in latitudine triginta et unum pedem et in longitudine totum a via aquilonis usque ad viam austri quam terram vendidi Reinero predicto ad tenendum de me et heredibus meis iure hereditario reddendo annuatim pro omni seruicio decem denarios [quos] ego ex toto remisi et dedi et quietos clamaui de me et de heredibus meis imperpetuum et hac carta presenti confirmaui deo et beate Marie et prenominato conuentui pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et heredum meorum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam ab omni seculari seruicio et exaccione Hanc vero donacionem predicti Reineri et confirmacionem meam et donacionem ego et heredes mei warantizabimus et acquietabimus de omnibus rebus erga dominum comitem et omnes homines imperpetuum prescripto conventui fide mea interposita Hiis testibus Hamelino decano Ricardo et Helya capellanis Willelmo filio Roberti et Thoma filio Galfridi de Chedyngtoun magistro Rogero Gernum Alexandro fratre eius Andrea filio Herewardi Thoma Malibranche Cleremundo Thurkillo Johanne et Waltero Roberto et Hugone filiis meis Rogero Albo Waltero mercatore.

[15] Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Eudo filius Radulfi de Grainesby dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Alyngham in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni exaccione et seculari seruicio totam terram quam Petrus filius Sicke dudum tenuit in territorio de Newtona cum tofto et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis et libertatibus et aisiamentis infra villam ipsam et extra Et ego predictus Eugo [*sic*] et heredes mei warantizabimus et defendemus et acquietabimus totam predictam terram et toftum cum pertinenciis predicto conuentui contra omnes homines et omnes calumpnias de omnibus rebus imperpetuum sicut liberam et puram et specialem elemosinam nostram pro salute anime mee et anima domini Radulfi patris mei et omnium antecessorum et heredum meorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum Hiis testibus Simone [de] Chanci Jodeswino [*sic*] fratre eius Roberto de Prendregest Matheo Wanin Alano de Beseby Radulfo filio Elie Radulfo filio Osberti Gilberto fratre eius Willelmo filio Roberti de Cokeringtona Willelmo filio Eustachii.

[14] Let all present and future know that I, William Volant, with the counsel and assent of Ascelina my wife and my heirs, have granted and by this my charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Alvingham in pure and perpetual alms all that land with the buildings and all appurtenances in the town of Boston which Reiner of Waxham gave them, namely the land next the land which was Arkil's, on the east side of the way, having in length thirty one feet and in breadth all from the northern to the southern way, which land I sold to Reiner of Waxham to hold of me and my heirs by hereditary right, rendering yearly for all service tenpence, which I have entirely released and given and quitclaimed from me and my heirs for ever and by this present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the aforenamed convent for the safety of my soul and the souls of my ancestors and heirs in pure and perpetual alms free from all worldly service and exaction. Moreover I and my heirs will warrant and acquit this gift of the aforesaid Reiner and my confirmation and gift against the lord count and all men from all things to the aforewritten convent for ever, my faith pledged thereto. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[15] Let present and future know that I, Eudo son of Ralf of Grainsby, have given granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Alvingham, in pure and perpetual alms, free and quit from all exaction and worldly service, all the land which Peter son of Sicke formerly held in the territory of Wold Newton with a toft and all its other appurtenances and liberties and easements within that village and without. And I the aforesaid Eudo and my heirs will warrant, defend, and acquit all the aforesaid land and toft with its appurtenances to the aforesaid convent against all men and all claims from all things for ever as our free and pure and special alms for the safety of my soul and the soul of sir Ralf my father and the souls of all my ancestors and heirs and of all the faithful departed. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[16] Notum sit uniuersis quod ego Fulco de Redenesse dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Aluyngham in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et uxoris mee Hedus et heredum meorum et omnium antecessorum meorum quandam moram cum terra in territorio de Rednesse habentem sex percatas in latitudine cum omni longitudine sua in Kyardyc quantum se mora extendit scilicet moram cum terra que iacet inter diuisam de Hucke et moram predictarum monialium quam habent de feudo Thome de Redenesse. ex dono Reineri de Waxtunesham quondam vicecomitis Eboraci reddendo annuatim michi et heredibus meis sex denarios ad Pentecosten pro omni seruicio et exaccione Et ego Fulco et heredes mei warantizabimus totam predictam moram cum terra predicto conuentui contra omnes homines Et si ego Fulco uoluero habitum religionis accipere in vita mea siue ad mortem predictus conuentus de Aluyngham recipiet me honorifice sicut liberum hominem in congregacione sua Hiis testibus Thoma de Rednesse Willelmo de Rednesse Angero de Rednesse Hugone de Rednesse Willelmo de Bahilloll Roberto filio Angeri de Rednesse fratre Rogeri cum multis aliis et Willelmo clerico de Aldyngflete.

[17] Notum sit uniuersis quod ego Robertus filius Fulconis de Rednesse concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Aluyngham in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et heredum meorum et omnium antecessorum meorum quandam moram cum terra in territorio de Rednesse quam habent de dono Fulconis patris mei habentem sex percatas in latitudine cum omni longitudine sua de Karedic quantum se mora de Rednesse extendit scilicet moram cum terra que iacet inter diuisam de Hucke et moram predicti conuentus quam habent de feudo Thome de Rednesse ex dono Reineri de Waxtunesham quondam vicecomitis Eboraci reddendo annuatim michi et heredibus meis post decessum patris mei Fulconis . sex denarios ad Pentecosten pro omni seruicio et exaccione Preterea dedi eidem conuentui de Aluyngham in eodem territorio de Rednesse quandam particulam terre iuxta Claidike versus occidentem scilicet dimidiam acram eiusdem terre in puram et perpetuam elemosinam et reliquam partem eiusdem terre tenendam de me et heredibus meis in feudi firma reddendo michi et heredibus meis post me per annum quatuor denarios ad Pentecosten pro omni seruicio et exaccione Et ego Robertus et heredes mei warantizabimus et acquietabimus hec omnia predicto conuentui contra omnes homines sicuti specialem elemosinam nostram Hiis testibus Johanne de Maaus Rogero de Milleia Angero de Rednesse Thoma de Rednesse Willelmo de Rednesse Hugone de Rednesse Willelmo de Bahilholt Brienno filio Hamelini Willelmo clerico de Aldyngeflete Rogero de Aisterbia.

[16] Be it known to all that I, Fulk of Reedness, have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Alvingham in pure and perpetual alms for the safety of my soul and that of Hedus my wife and those of my heirs and all my ancestors a certain moor with arable land in the territory of Reedness having six perches in breadth with all its length from Cardyke as far as the moor stretches, namely the moor with arable land which lies between the boundary of Hook and the moor which the aforesaid nuns have of the fee of Thomas of Reedness by the gift of Reiner of Waxham, formerly sheriff of York, rendering yearly to me and my heirs sixpence at Whitsuntide for all service and exaction. And I Fulk and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid moor with arable land to the aforesaid convent against all men. And if I, Fulk, shall wish to take the habit of religion in my life or at my death, the aforesaid convent of Alvingham shall receive me honourably as a free man in their congregation. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[17] Be it known to all that I, Robert son of Fulk of Reedness, have granted and by this my present charter confirmed to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Alvingham in pure and perpetual alms for the safety of my soul and the souls of my heirs and all my ancestors a certain moor with arable land in the territory of Reedness which they have by the gift of Fulk my father, having six perches in breadth with its whole length from Cardyke as far as the moor of Reedness stretches, namely the moor with arable land which lies between the boundary of Hook and the moor which the aforesaid convent have of the fee of Thomas of Reedness by the gift of Reiner of Waxham, formerly sheriff of York, rendering yearly to me and my heirs after the death of Fulk my father sixpence at Whitsuntide for all service and exaction. Moreover I have given to the same convent of Alvingham in the same territory of Reedness a certain parcel of land next Claydyke towards the west, namely half an acre of the same land in pure and perpetual alms, and the rest of the land to hold of me and my heirs in fee farm rendering yearly to me and my heirs after me fourpence at Whitsuntide for all service and exaction. And I Robert and my heirs will warrant and acquit all these things to the aforesaid convent against all men as our special alms. [*Circa 1200.*]

[18] Omnibus has litteras videntibus et audientibus tam futuris quam presentibus . Reinerus de Waxtunesham salutem Siatis [*sic*] me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam monialibus de Aluyngham pro anima mea et animabus antecessorum meorum sex acras terre arabilis in Rednesse et sex percatas de mora in latitudine et in longitudine quantum mora de Rednesse se extendit scilicet duas acras terre arabilis iuxta diuisam que est inter Wytegryfte et Rednesse et duas acras terre arabilis iacentes iuxta spinetum de Rednesse et duas acras terre arabilis iacentes versus Swynflete quas sex acras terre arabilis et quas sex percatas de mora Robertus filius Holdewini de Rednesse dedit michi pro seruicio meo per seruicium dimidie libre piperis eidem Roberto per annum reddendo pro omni seruicio et quod seruicium dimidie libre piperis predicte moniales reddent per annum Roberto prescripto et heredibus suis ad festum appostolorum [*sic*] Petri et Pauli pro omni seruicio Hiis testibus H precentore ecclesie beati Petri Ebor*acensis* magistro Petro de Gunyngham fratre meo Roberto de Maya Ysaac filio Ingolf Willelmo de Bonewilla Ricardo de Camera Waltero de Reppes Roberto de Bellehus Stephano de Leistre Willelmo de Walsham Rogero de Bram' Radulfo clerico de Horstede Ricardo clerico de Aluyngham Willelmo de Byrum.

[19] Omnibus Christi fidelibus tam presentibus quam futuris Thomas filius Ade de Reddenesse ⁝ salutem Nouerit uniuersitas vestra me concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse et de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Aluyngham in puram et perpetuam elemosinam annuum redditum dimidie libre piperis quem michi reddere solebat ad festum appostolorum [*sic*] Petri et Pauli pro sex acris terre arabilis in Rednesse et sex perticatis de mora ⁝ Concessi eciam et dedi predicto conuentui eadem [*sic*] sex acras terre arabilis in territorio de Rednesse et easdem sex perticatas de mora cum fundo in latitudine et longitudine quantum mora de Rednesse se extendit et terram subtus moram ad colendum siue ad faciendum inde quodcumque predictus conuentus voluerit videlicet duas acras terre arabilis iacentes iuxta diuisam que est inter Wytegyft et Rednesse et duas acras terre arabilis iacentes iuxta spinetum de Rednesse et duas acras terre arabilis iacentes iuxta Swynflete . quas sex acras terre arabilis et quas sex perticatas de mora cum fundo Robertus auus patris mei filius Holdewini dedit Reinero de Waxtunesham pro seruicio dimidie libre piperis quod quidem seruicium dimidie libre piperis prefatus conuentus michi et antecessoribus meis reddere solebat quem redditum sicut prescriptum est tam [pro me quam] pro heredibus meis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam concessi dedi et confirmaui ⁝ Confirmaui eciam predicto conuentui duodecim perticatas de mora cum fundo in latitudine et longitudine quantum mora de Rednesse se extendit quas habent ex dono Angeri de

[18] To all hearing and seeing these letters, as well future as present, Reiner of Waxham sends greeting. Know that I have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms for my soul and the souls of my ancestors to the nuns of Alvingham six acres of arable land in Reedness and six perches of moor, as far as the moor of Reedness stretches in breadth and length, namely two acres of arable land next the boundary between Whitgift and Reedness and two acres of arable land lying next the spinney of Reedness and two acres of arable land lying towards Swinefleet, which six acres of land and six perches of moor Robert son of Holdewin of Reedness gave me for my service, for the service of half a pound of pepper rendered yearly to the same Robert for all service, which service of half a pound of pepper the aforesaid nuns shall render yearly to the aforenamed Robert and his heirs at the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul for all service. [*Late twelfth century.*]

[19] To all the faithful of Christ present and future Thomas son of Adam of Reedness sends greeting. Let the whole body of you know that I have granted, given, and by this present charter confirmed, and for ever quitclaimed from me and my heirs to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Alvingham in pure and perpetual alms the yearly rent of half a pound of pepper which they used to pay me at the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul for six acres of arable land in Reedness and six perches of moor. I have also granted and given to the aforesaid convent the same six acres of arable land in the territory of Reedness and the same six perches of moor with arable land as far as the moor of Reedness stretches in length and breadth and the land below the moor to cultivate or to do therewith whatever the aforesaid convent shall wish, namely two acres of arable land lying next the boundary between Whitgift and Reedness and two acres of arable land lying next the spinney of Reedness and two acres of arable land lying next Swinefleet, which six acres of arable land and six perches of moor with arable land Robert my father's grandfather, the son of Holdewine, gave to Reiner of Waxham for the service of half a pound of pepper, which service of half a pound of pepper the aforesaid convent used to render to me and my ancestors, which rent as is aforesaid I have granted and given and confirmed as well for me as for my heirs in pure and perpetual alms. I have also confirmed to the aforesaid convent twelve perches of moor with arable land as far as the moor of Reedness stretches in breadth and length which they have by the gift of Anger of Reedness

Rednesse propinquiores . prefatis sex perticatis ex parte orientali et unum toftum quatuor perticatarum in latitudine iuxta toftum canonicorum de Thorntona ex parte orientali cum libero introitu et exitu de mora usque ad aquam de Husa et comunem pasturam ad sex animalia in territorio de Rednesse Concessi eciam predicto conuentui correctiones hominum suorum aliquam partem dictarum terrarum vel more tenencium ita quod nec ego nec aliquis heredum vel successorum meorum ab aliquo predictorum pro aliquo delicto vel forisfacto aliquid exigere possimus imperpetuum Et ego Thomas et heredes mei post me predictam terram et moram cum fundo et omnia prenominata cum suis pertinenciis predicto conuentui warantizabimus et defendemus erga dominum regem et omnes alios homines et de omnibus secularibus seruiciis consuetudinibus sectis ad curias et exaccionibus sicut puram et specialem elemosinam nostram acquietabimus imperpetuum Hiis testibus domino Johanne de Husflete Thoma de Huche Willelmo filio Roberti Willelmo de Beilholl' Roberto filio Roberti Waltero filio Galfridi et Angero de Rednesse Willelmo de Redburna Johanne filio Willelmi de Cokeryngtona Thoma filio Johannis de eadem villa.

[20] Notum sit uniuersis quod ego Ranulphus filius Roberti filii Fulconis de Rednesse dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et beate Marie et conuentui de Aluyngham in puram et perpetum elemosinam pro salute anime mee et heredum meorum et omnium antecessorum meorum quandam moram cum fundo in territorio de Rednesse habentem sex percatas in latitudine cum omni longitudine sua de Kardike quantum se mora de Rednesse extendit scilicet moram cum fundo que iacet inter diuisam de Hucke et moram predicti conuentus quam habent de feudo Thome de Rednesse ex dono Raineri de Waxtunesham quondam vicecomitis Eboraci Reddendo michi et heredibus meis annuatim sex denarios ad Pentecosten pro omni seruicio et exaccione et consuetudine Et predictus conuentus faciet de predicta mora cum fundo quicquid eis placuerit sine impedimento de me vel de heredibus meis Et hoc affidaui legitime tenendum in manu domini Willelmi tunc prioris de Aluyngham Preterea dedi et concessi eidem conuentui de Aluyngham in eodem territorio de Rednesse quandam particulam terre iuxta Claidicke versus occidentem scilicet dimidiam acram eiusdem terre in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Et ne quis hanc donacionem meam adnichilare vel infirmare valeat presenti carta mea et sigillo meo confirmaui et virorum bonorum testimonio corroboraui Et ego Ranulphus et heredes mei warantizabimus et defendemus et acquietabimus hec omnia predicto conuentui contra omnes homines et feminas imperpetuum sicut specialem elemosinam nostram Hiis testibus Ricardo capellano de Wytegyfte Roberto filio Angeri de Rednesse Roberto de Pontefracto Roberto Baillol Willelmo filio Roberti Waltero de Ormesby Ricardo de Aluyngham Hugone de Germuthorpe Thoma Cogher et aliis.

next on the east side to the aforesaid six perches, and one toft of four perches in breadth next on the east side to the toft of the canons of Thornton with free entry and exit from the moor to the water of Ouse, and common pasture for six animals in the territory of Reedness. I have also granted to the aforesaid convent the penalties laid upon their men holding any part of the aforesaid lands or moor, so that neither I nor any of my heirs or successors can exact anything from any of the aforesaid for any delict or forfeiture for ever. And I Thomas and my heirs after me will warrant and defend the aforesaid land and moor with arable land and all the aforenamed things with their appurtenances to the aforesaid convent against the lord king and all other men and will acquit them from all worldly services, customs, suits of courts, and exactions, as our pure and special alms for ever. [*Henry III.*]

[20] Be it known to all that I, Rannulf son of Robert son of Fulk of Reedness, have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed in pure and perpetual alms to God and blessed Mary and the convent of Alvingham for the safety of my soul and the souls of my heirs and of all my ancestors a certain moor with arable land in the territory of Reedness having six perches in breadth with all its length as far as the moor of Reedness stretches from Cardyke, namely the moor with arable land which lies between the boundary of Hook and the moor which the aforesaid convent have of the fee of Thomas of Reedness by the gift of Reiner of Waxham, formerly sheriff of York, rendering yearly to me and my heirs sixpence at Whitsuntide for all service and exaction and custom. And the aforesaid convent shall do with the aforesaid moor with arable land whatever shall please them without hindrance from me or my heirs. And I have pledged my faith lawfully to observe this in the hand of sir William then prior of Alvingham. Moreover I have given and granted to the same convent of Alvingham in the same territory of Reedness a certain parcel of land by Clay Dyke towards the west ; namely half an acre of the same land in pure and perpetual alms. And lest anyone shall be able to bring to nothing or invalidate this my gift I have confirmed it by my present charter and my seal and the testimony of good men. And I Rannulf and my heirs will warrant and defend and acquit all these things to the aforesaid convent against all men and women for ever as our especial alms. [*Early thirteenth century.*]

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PERSONS AND PLACES

Note.—Since hereditary surnames are but rarely found in the twelfth century, a reference has often been supplied from the christian name to the surname, and this has always been done where the christian name suggests that the holder was a person of native descent.

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